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SOME THOUGHTS

Another issue and I'm still spinning my wheels, not exactly sure where I'm going or will be next. Found a great house in Pennsylvania, out in the fields with about 8 acres of land. But then that got ripped back out from under our feet, putting us back to square one. I want to get a vehicle and hit the road again - go cross country and visit all the places again that I didn't get to spend enough time. I actually just realized that it's summer when a friend was talking about her summer travel plans. Why hadn't I realized it's summer? Could it be because the weather has been such a tease and it keeps going back and forth, or just because I thought I'd be far from NYC and settled into a new house by the time summer was here. I'm recently continually disoriented and getting tired of hearing my own story about moving, leaving, and settling in. It's still the plan, but it's all up in the air too. The address is changing to the Pennsylvania, to start this long process of changing my address. My box will still be in NYC for a long time, so that the residuals of mail don't get tossed out by the fucking post office. So if you want to write me some nice letters, start sending them to Pennsylvania!

Sometimes I have a problem of spending too much time inside my head.

I think a lot, and then often times assume that people around me, especially people who are close friends, think about things in a similar way that I do. When I discover that this is not the case sometimes I'm at a loss and wonder how we can see things so differently. I guess sometimes it's disappointing to realize that your friends don't take the same things as seriously or as deeply to heart and sometimes it's a matter of figuring out how to explain how I feel.

THE MUSIC INDUSTRY & CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY

Since I've been back in New York I went on a binge of going out a lot - shows every night, hanging out at my friend's bar, soaking up the energy and being social. I seem to be able to go in spurts like that where I go out a lot and then I get burned and can't do it anymore. Hence the running off to the woods for a few months. But there is always a burst of continual shows in the spring where that becomes life. A few of them revolved around bands that have broken out of the sphere of punk rock and gone for that industry thing. You know, trying to get signed and "make it". The attitude and ideas that go with that kind of thinking, more times than not, also revolve around heavy drug use. So I watch people that I used to know, and for that matter, people that I used to have a lot of respect for and take a lot of inspiration from, and now see them playing the industry game and all to often just getting really fucked up into oblivion. At least with the young punk rockers, who of course these industry

people look down on, are excited and probably having a bit of fun. Where as the other crew are usually older and depressed - looking at the bands and music as the only thing they've got and are therefore desperate to make it work. I prefer the younger punk kids just because they're still inspired. I can't stand the oblivion of drugs and drink consuming people all the time and becoming a necessity and a dependency. But it happens all to often and is very prevalent and perhaps like with so many things, New York City just exemplifies all of the extremes. It's "the place to be" for all of that industry high-brow schmoozing and using bullshit, where everything people do becomes a matter of furthering their own personal agenda. I'm all for people as people - and friends as people - not as stepping stones for getting somewhere. I've had a lot of dilemmas with that whole issue based around my photography. Since I have been photographing bands and the scene, and essentially my life - I got wrapped up into a trap where other people who were not necessarily a part of the scene began to see the opportunity to go somewhere with the subject, and so in my eyes it was used and abused, and it made me angry. I rejected the game and refused to kiss the right asses to get my photos printed in magazines and used by bands that could actually pay me money for what I do. But that is also a really frustrating position to be in - when you are in desperate need of money and can do the job as well, if not better than the next person - and especially because it's close to the heart. But that is exactly what got in my way - it was too close to my heart and so I felt for the subject and really cared about the bands and people and wasn't about to just "sell my story" as so many people in school told me that I could and should. Therefore many people I was around in the academic environment where we were taught how to succeed and to sell our art (or our selves) just couldn't understand why I was refusing and the more people asked me things like that, the more I questioned whether I was doing the right thing, even though I always

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ESCAPE FROM NEW YORK

My most recent jaunts out of the city have been to Richmond Virginia, a place that I'm sort of obsessed with right now. I've been wanting to visit some friends there, and had actually looked forward to getting to see the place at the end of our travels in the fall, (which didn't work out) — so I had it replanned into make Richmond a priority for a spring visit. We coordinated a visit with some Milwaukee friends, and I discovered Richmond to be everything I expected. Tim calls Richmond the beginning of the south and a slower pace of life, and that is so true. Driving around DC is soul sucking and deadening — I hate it. But once past the overspray of DC, all of a sudden everything shifts. It's like the neighborhood shifts in NYC from one block to another where you realize that you've crossed a boundary. Suddenly all of the traffic is thinned out and slowed down. When you enter the city limits of Richmond you don't feel any building anxiety - you are just all of a sudden there. Considering the headache of driving into NYC, I really appreciated the ease with which we were suddenly in Richmond. There's no traffic there and the place actually seems to be relatively empty. It has a distinct look to it that it can surely call it's own - an old south feel with beautiful architecture - big old places with domes and round arches, stone, pillars and triple decker porches. I was in love with the look and feel of the place. It's old with history, a little run down in places (that still appeals to my photo aesthetic) but totally overgrown with lush plant life. There seem to be a load of bands there and plenty of places for them all to play regularly as well as dirt cheap rent, and plenty of vacancies. A temptation? For sure! We had such a good time that Joy & I went back the next weekend. I'm not that accustomed to totally spontaneous get-up-and-go trips, especially one's that involve driving 7 hours in the middle of the night. That weekend turned into a no sleep and lots of coffee oblivion which was great fun! It was nice to add to the initial weekend of fun a balance of normalcy. The first weekend, not only were there people from other places visiting but it was 105°, and most of the daytime was spent laying on a cold cement porch. So the second weekend enabled me to get out and explore a bit and take some photos (an inspiration I've long been in need of). We went on an additional road-trip to Norfolk to see some local Richmond bands — Wardance Orange (a new and excellent band who I promise you will be hearing a lot more about) along with Eucharist who are off on tour now. It's funny to be around bands that are preparing for the summer tours, maybe because I'm out of the loop of show booking and all that at ABC NO RIO - I've forgotten once again about summer and tours and it just makes me want to go go go!!! Speaking of tours it seems that Citizen Fish will be returning this fall and touring the east coast in early

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that I was starting to associate with a lot of "hardcore" bands. And that is a refreshing realization. Kinda takes me back a few years when I first discovered ABC and the hardcore shows that Mike Bullshit was doing - hardcore bands trying to create a new scene, one that incorporates thoughtful ideas and a desire to create change - not machismo, not ego, not money - but just a bit of fun. I know that this has been going on all along over the years but I think that I've also been focused so much on punk rock and specifically around ABC that I almost forgot or started to miss out on some of the bands and parts of the scene that are different. Because I wasn't very interested in the rise of hardcore I think I turned my head in the other direction for a little bit too long. But now, I'm happy to say that I've had my eyes opened again and I've been able to discover a bunch of new and really good bands as well as get a bit of re-inspiration and that is just what I needed!!!

ESCAPE FROM NEW YORK

My most recent jaunts out of the city have been to Richmond Virginia, a place that I'm sort of obsessed with right now. I've been wanting to visit some friends there, and had actually looked forward to getting to see the place at the end of our travels in the fall, (which didn't work out) — so I had it replanned to make Richmond a priority for a spring visit. We coordinated a visit with some Milwaukee friends, and I discovered Richmond to be everything I expected. Tim calls Richmond the beginning of the south and a slower pace of life, and that is so true. Driving around DC is soul sucking and deadening — I hate it. But once past the oversprawl of DC, all of a sudden everything shifts. It's like the neighborhood shifts in NYC from one block to another where you realize that you've crossed a boundary. Suddenly all of the traffic is thinned out and slowed down. When you enter the city limits of Richmond you don't feel any building anxiety - you are just all of a sudden there. Considering the headache of driving into NYC, I really appreciated the ease with which we were suddenly in Richmond. There's no traffic there and the place actually seems to be relatively empty. It has a distinct look to it that it can surely call it's own - an old south feel with beautiful architecture - big old places with domes and round arches, stone, pillars and triple decker porches. I was in love with the look and feel of the place. It's old with history, a little run down in places (that still appeals to my photo aesthetic) but totally overgrown with lush plant life. There seem to be a load of bands there and plenty of places for them all to play regularly as well as dirt cheap rent, and plenty of vacancies. A temptation? For sure! We had such a good time that Joy & I went back the next weekend. I'm not that accustomed to totally spontaneous get-up-and-go trips, especially one's that involve driving 7 hours in the middle of the night. That weekend turned into a no sleep and lots of coffee oblivion which was great fun! It was nice to add to the initial weekend of fun a balance of normalcy. The first weekend, not only were there people from other places visiting but it was 105°, and most of the daytime was spent laying on a cold cement porch. So the second weekend enabled me to get out and explore a bit and take some photos (an inspiration I've long been in need of). We went on an additional road-trip to Norfolk to see some local Richmond bands — Wardance Orange (a new and excellent band who I promise you will be hearing a lot more about) along with Eucharist who are off on tour now. It's funny to be around bands that are preparing for the summer tours, maybe because I'm out of the loop of show booking and all that at ABC NO RIO - I've forgotten once again about summer and tours and it just makes me want to go go go!!! Speaking of tours it seems that Citizen Fish will be returning this fall and touring the east coast in early

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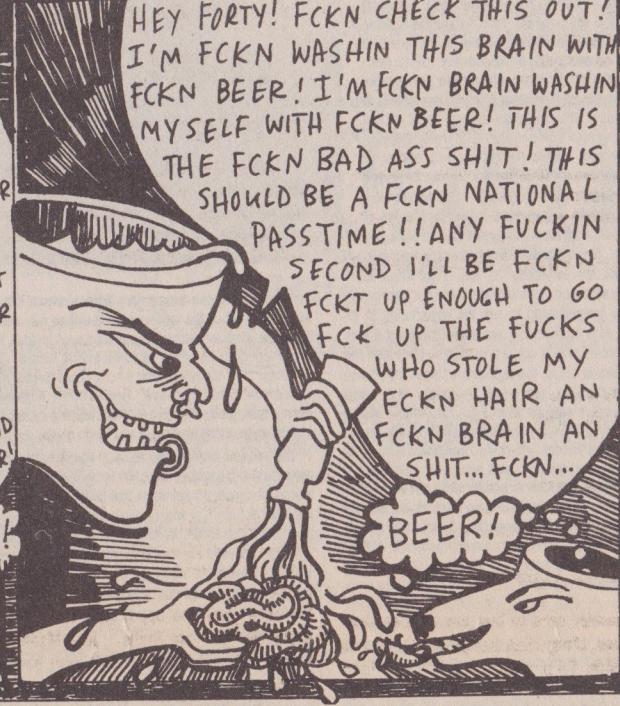
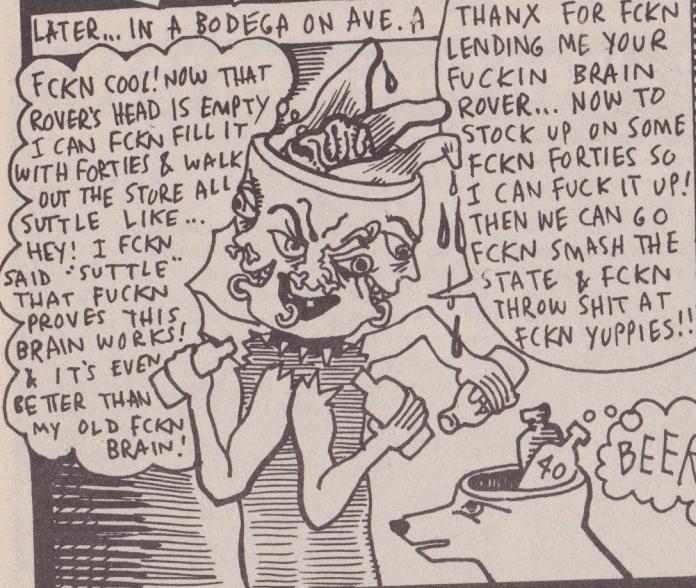
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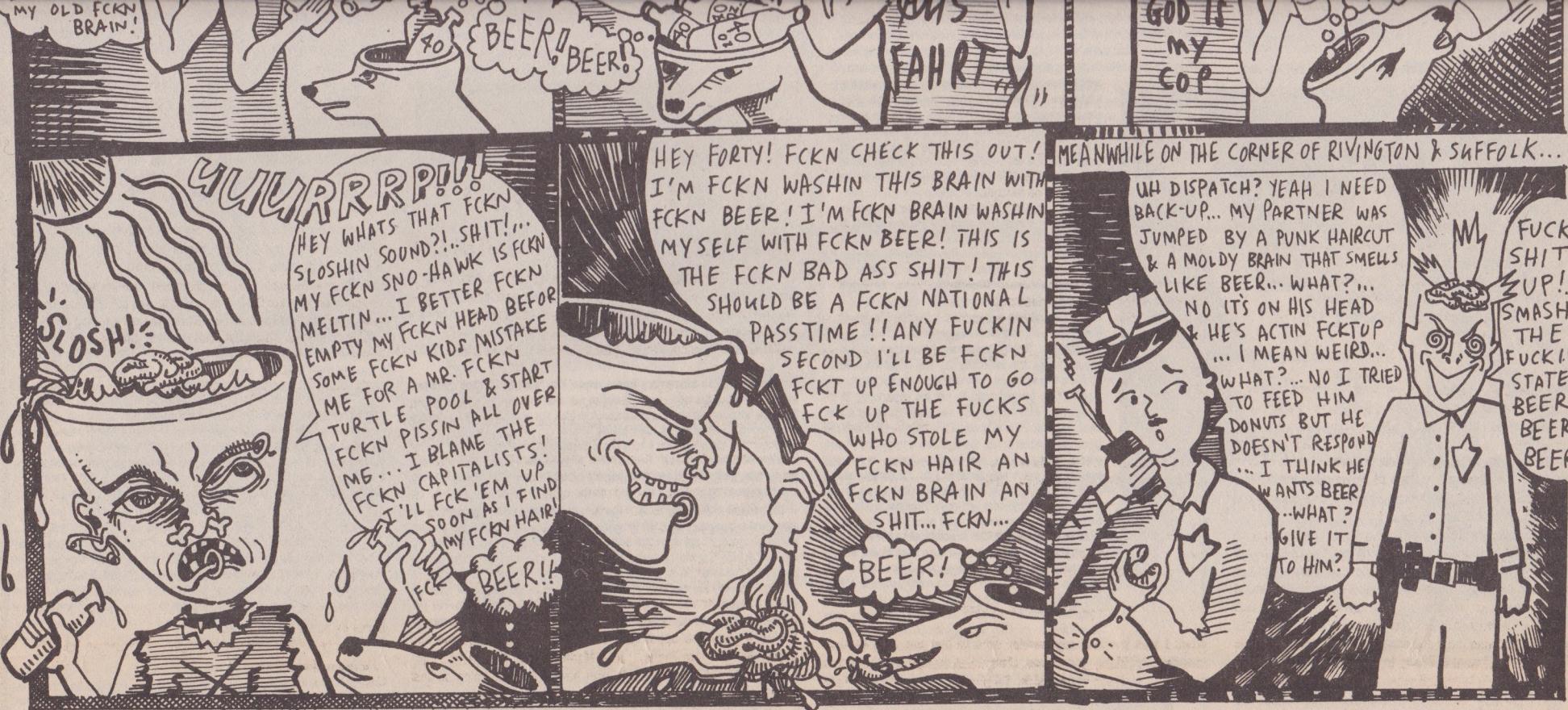
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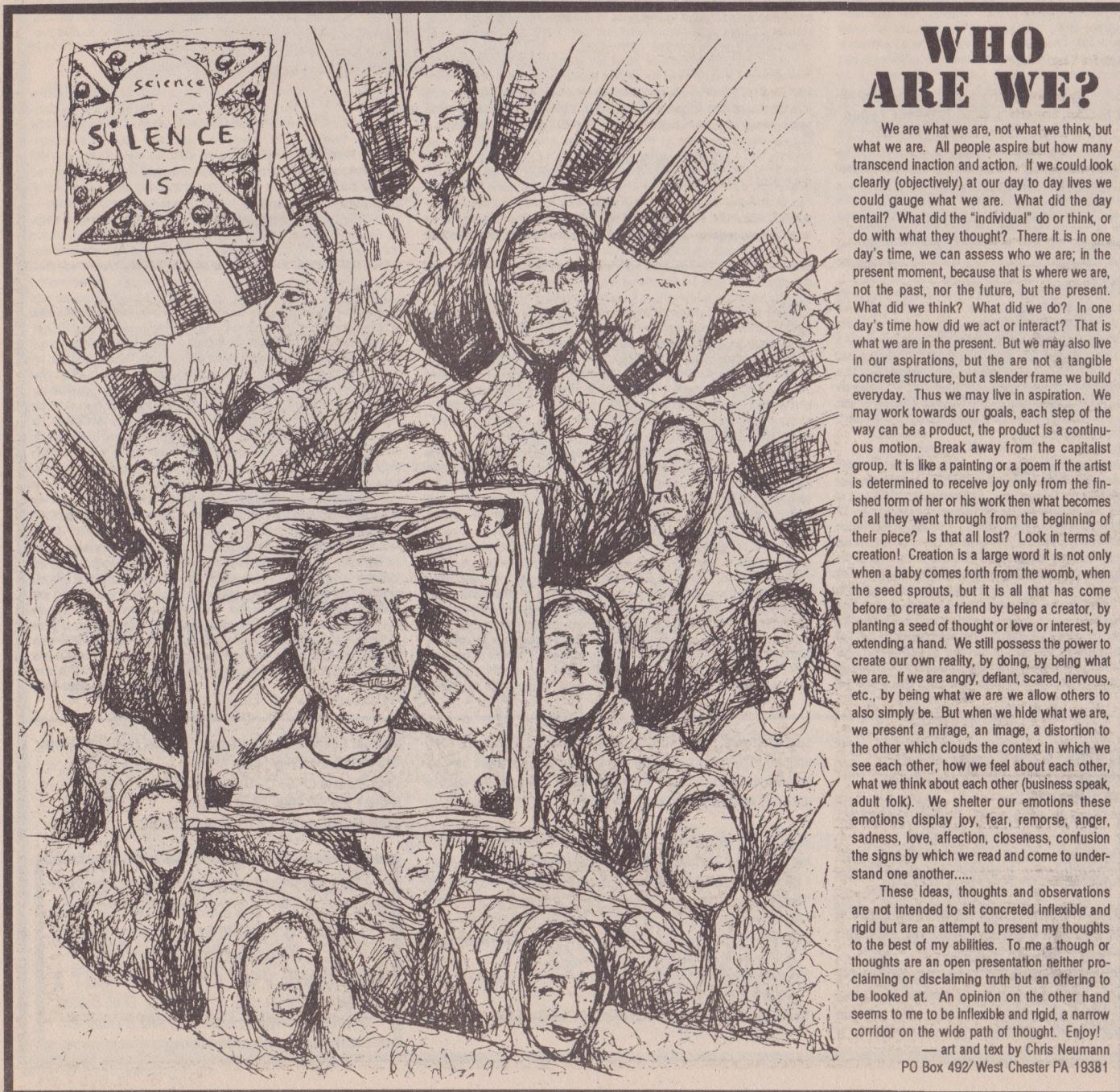
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These ideas, thoughts and observations are not intended to sit concreted inflexible and rigid but are an attempt to present my thoughts to the best of my abilities. To me a thought or thoughts are an open presentation neither proclaiming or disclaiming truth but an offering to be looked at. An opinion on the other hand seems to me to be inflexible and rigid, a narrow corridor on the wide path of thought. Enjoy!

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- living lightly on the earth - low environmental impact
- native american/earth religion/spirituality
- sustainable living / sustainability / small-scale farming
- women's health discussion
- urban vs. rural living
- foreign viewpoints of americans - social and political
- different cultures - similarities and differences
- media culture - news/politics - what does it mean?
- artistic projects - ideas/collaborations
- punk art
- good stories about involvement in the scene - inspiration/positive growth and direction and good experiences
- anti-smoking/anti-television rants
- music industry vs. punk rock's popularity

Anyone interested? No guarantees that I'll print all submissions, but they will be considered. I'd like to start some dialog and generate some thoughtful ideas around some of these subjects, so if you think that you have something to contribute and share, or if you have suggestions, get in touch.

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JOHN

Part 1: One generation ago when my parents were my age or younger life was a lot different. At that time when they were done with school, which was generally high school and rarely college, they went to work at a job which could turn easily into a career. Blue collar jobs, which paid well enough to support a family and generally a big family at that, abounded. People could afford to start a family very young (by my standards anyway) and could do things that are well beyond my comprehension like buy a new car and a house. People stayed at these jobs and they led to stable well paying careers.

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virtually everyone's level of compassion. That would free up a little more capital to sustain the status quo for someone else.

As the world becomes a more difficult place to live our circles of caring, our concept of community should be broadening not shrinking. This will become increasingly important for those of us who are being dehumanized, being pushed under to sustain the wealthy's bloated lifestyles. We will need to create broad safety nets within our communities to help each other because, and this I can guarantee you, the government will continue to turn it's back on the down and out, the poor will become it's lowest priority if a priority at all.

Part 2 The idea of community has been on my mind a lot lately as the little bit of it that I have is falling apart. Two very important people in my life are moving away, far away. As these people who for some reason I never thought would leave and who I never thought I would have to face life without actually do leave I find myself longing for more than a series of temporary relationships, more than temporary community. I'm sick of only knowing people for a couple years before something changes and we are drawn apart. It seems like I'm always treading the same "getting to know each other" ground and deeper relationships never have a chance to materialize. It has left me without a strong groundwork with which to base things on or fall back onto in times of crisis. I guess I'm looking for a base, physical and mental, to come back to. A familiar place, a comforting place. I'm looking for a home. I long for a family, a people, a homeland, a tribe, something stable that doesn't go away.

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quite right yet.

My uncle died a couple of weeks ago. He was more of a grandfather. When I was very little, he used to sit me on his lap and show me full-color medical illustrations of the human eye. The day he died, I cried three times. Then I got drunk. I cried two more times at the funeral. Now I am finished crying. I still think about him. I miss him. He was nearly ninety years old. I guess his time had come.

At the funeral, his son called his death "really frustrating." He says he has a lot of "unresolved issues." A lot of anger. Because his father made him grow up in the suburbs. Because he didn't like the way his father treated his mother sometimes. Because his father always had to have the last word.

My cousin sees a therapist. He tells his therapist about his unresolved issues. He tells his therapist things he wanted to tell his father. But he didn't have enough time.

My cousin is in his forties.

How much time is enough?

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I always have time for the people I love.

— 2804 Mary Street, 2nd Fl./ Pittsburgh PA 15203

THE WORLD AS SEEN FROM MY WINDOW (oh boy, is it that small?)

"Past the nuclear age the American century lasted barely a decade, things fall apart and things fade away past nostalgic hate, looking back on a new generation of waiters in hell, they watch heaven on television. It's yesterday in the western world."

— Vic Bondi "Western World" (Radio wave — Jones Very)

As I first started to write down this "column" (put between brackets because as of yet I don't know if it's going to print under column format) I was intending to speak about the wave of bombings that struck France recently. I was feeling kinda sick and despaired by the whole human race and its dramatic inability to foresee that its, your, may, our future, looks definitely bleak to say the least.

I guess the first bomb struck me the most, a bomb which exploded in the subway. A crowded train in a crowded station. It was right in the middle of the peak hours. 7 people died, people were amputated, injured... Blood, fire, smoke, body parts everywhere.

I didn't want to discuss the use of terror as a political weapon. Besides, in that particular case, the situation is not clear enough to take sides in a definitive way. To state that the Fundamentalists are the cause of all that is so easy. So convenient for the French government too as it gives the opportunity to harass, arrest, evict, hunt and eventually kill more Arabs... Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of the French National Front, doesn't even have to say anything against foreigners, the government does it...

Then a couple of other thoughts came to my mind.

The thing that amazed me the most was to see that people actually

a homeless lying down in the gutter? I've been talking about that with some friends far away from here (Cuba that is) and they were really shocked by the fact that people here act just as if everyone was a complete stranger even though we've been living next door for many years. They laughed a lot about that with some pity for us in their words... I didn't laugh as much as they did because it just makes me sad...

What about you? Do you need that to feel some empathy with the people living with you, sharing the same breath of polluted air? I don't want to make you feel guilty of not having these feelings because, I admit and I confess in shame, neither do I, well not all day long. Which is precisely the thing that makes me sad and despaired. But at least, I realized that, even though I don't know if that's a good thing to do.

Look at the people again, they felt some pity for the dead and now they are finishing their dinner watching the eight o'clock news on Propaganda TV. Tomorrow, at the office, they will talk about the event... And then it's gone. They slowly forget that the people they are commuting with are real people, not just things sitting next to them. Back in the norm, yeah fucking right.

They forgot once more to look around and see what's going on. Such bombings are definitely a good thing for many. It increases the control on the people. Now the police have the right to do every thing they want to, even more than they used to. Wow! What a treat for them. You know, there are risks to they have no other choice than being rude and harassing the youth, the homeless, you know how, don't you.

And hear people's applause, we can be proud of our police! What efficiency! A bombing is finally a good thing, it is the starting point the social cleansing of the town... First the riot squads were patrolling now you get controlled by the paratroopers and the French Marine troops stationed in the key points of the city...

Yes, I was intending to write all about this, which was a real punkey column to write: talk about State, Religious and Military control over our lives - all on the same page.

Then it struck me and killed me right on the spot. My girlfriend left me and it hurt me deep inside, real deep. See how you can turn a social diatribe into an emo and weepy thing.

Oh don't be afraid, I will not go on and on about how great I was feeling to be near her, how great it was to see her smile at me, how great it was to hear her breathing while she was sleeping at my side, I could do that but what's the point anyway. She will never read that and she will never come back anyway...

But don't be so sure in your belief of the fact that this development of my column is so disconnected with what I was writing before. It's not so off the point.

This whole thing make me realize that the worst of all bombs lies within ourselves. Deep inside, just at the same spot it hurts me right now. We all carry that bomb with us and we all have the possibility to hurt people with it. It's something we cannot control. Our mind, our feelings, are a bomb that's just waiting for the fuse to blow. And for you it might not be a bomb, it might be just the way you are, the way you act, the things you say or don't say. It won't necessarily hurt you to blow other people's feelings with it. You'll be left intact out of the process but you might have done a lot of damage.

I'm not sure about the way it looks but I know it's here and inside us and it frightens me...

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This dehumanization has led to the situation where growing numbers of people are living well below the poverty line and the ultra-rich are firmly entrenched in their ivory towers. The gap between the haves and the have nots is growing larger and more distinct. And I don't know if it's my somewhat apocalyptic world view but it seems like the people are being groomed for the creation of an "unwashed" type under class of people. A people with no rights and below

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My cousin is in his forties.

How much time is enough?

I don't wear a wristwatch.
I'm late a lot.

I always have time for the people I love.

— 2804 Mary Street, 2nd Fl./ Pittsburgh PA 15203

THE WORLD AS SEEN FROM MY WINDOW (oh boy, is it that small?)

"Past the nuclear age the American century lasted barely a decade, things fall apart and things fade away past nostalgic hate, looking back on a new generation of waiters in hell, they watch heaven on television. It's yesterday in the western world."

—Vic Bondi "Western World" (Radio wave — Jones Very)

As I first started to write down this "column" (put between brackets because as of yet I don't know if it's going to printed under column format) I was intending to speak about the wave of bombings that struck France recently. I was feeling kinda sick and despaired by the whole human race and its dramatic inability to foresee that its, your, may, our their, future looks definitely bleak to say the least.

I guess the first bomb struck me the most, a bomb which exploded in the subway. A crowded train in a crowded station. It was right in the middle of the peak hours. 7 people died, people were amputated, injured... Blood, fire, smoke, body parts everywhere.

I didn't want to discuss the use of terror as a political weapon. Besides, in that particular case, the situation is not clear enough to take sides in a definitive way. To state that the Fundamentalists are the cause of all that is so easy. So convenient for the French government too as it gives the opportunity to harass, arrest, evict, hunt and eventually kill more Arabs... Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of the French National Front, doesn't even have to say anything against foreigners, the government does it...

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Look at the people again, they feel some pity for the dead and now they are finishing their dinner watching the eight o'clock news on Propaganda TV. Tomorrow, at the office, they will talk about the event... And then it's gone. They slowly forget that the people they are commuting with are real people, not just things sitting next to them. Back in the norm, yeah fucking right.

They forgot once more to look around and see what's going on. Such bombings are definitely a good thing for many. It increases the control on the people. Now the police have the right to do every thing they want to, even more than they used to. Wow! What a treat for them. You know, there are risks to they have no other choice than being rude and harassing the youth, the homeless, you know how, don't you.

And hear people's applause, we can be proud of our police! What efficiency! A bombing is finally a good thing, it is the starting point the social cleansing of the town... First the riot squads were patrolling now you get controlled by the paratroopers and the French Marine troops stationed in the key points of the city...

Yes, I was intending to write all about this, which was a real puny column to write: talk about State, Religious and Military control over our lives - all on the same page.

Then it struck me and killed me right on the spot. My girlfriend left me and it hurt me deep inside, real deep. See how you can turn a social diatribe into an emo and weepy thing.

Oh don't be afraid, I will not go on and on about how great I was feeling to be near her, how great it was to see her smile at me, how great it was to hear her breathing while she was sleeping at my side. I could do that but what's the point anyway. She will never read that and she will never come back anyway...

But don't be so sure in your belief of the fact that this development of my column is so disconnected with what I was writing before. It's not so off the point.

This whole thing make me realize that the worst of all bombs lies within ourselves. Deep inside, just at the same spot it hurts me right now. We all carry that bomb with us and we all have the possibility to hurt people with it. It's something we cannot control. Our mind, our feelings, are a bomb that's just waiting for the fuse to blow. And for you it might not be a bomb, it might be just the way you are, the way you act, the things you say or don't say. It won't necessarily hurt you to blow other people's feelings with it. You'll be left intact out of the process but you might have done a lot of damage.

I'm not sure about the way it looks but I know it's here and inside us and it frightens me...

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feel isn't important because they are viewed as below the line of compassion, somehow not worth it, not human, not real. This marginalization, the process of dehumanizing more and more people, is on going and growing more and more broad. There's less to go around yet people still want to live up to the same sort of standard. So it must be denied to larger and larger amounts of people as well. And so denying to these others seems justifiable in their minds they need to push them out of their conscienceness, below their level of compassion. (After all these years of work on the animal rights front, trying to get animals above people's level of compassion it's ironic to think that animals haven't really moved up much in people's minds but other human beings are down there with the animals now, below most people's level of compassion.) It's getting to a point where most people only relate to and have a true sense of compassion for others who are almost identical to themselves.

This dehumanization has led to the situation where growing numbers of people are living well below the poverty line and the ultra-rich are firmly entrenched in their ivory towers. The gap between the haves and the have nots is growing larger and more distinct. And I don't know if it's my somewhat apocalyptic world view but it seems like the people are being groomed for the creation of an "unwashed" type under class of people. A people with no rights and below

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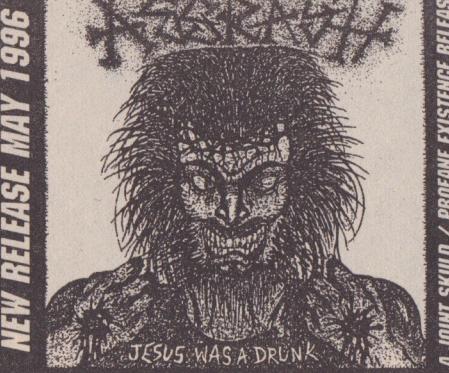
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responsible for their lifestyles, shows a totally shit attitude about what we're passing on and what habits we're teaching future generations. Blah, blah blah, right but if you think about it, it's as true and effectual as people passing on fucked up racist, sexist, species, etc... habits. It has to do with the need to break down the stereotypes that most people are taught about menstruation being a: dirty, bad, taboo, negative, etc... thing, and not to discuss it. Keeping wimmin sex, and monthly bleeding hidden, secret and artificially floral scented is the goal of most companies (ring a patriarchal bell anyone?) With slogans like, "no one will ever know", "our products will keep you smelling (toxically) fresh and feeling dry (so dry in fact you may even experience internal lesions! Oh joy!)". Such advertising is a bunch of fucking propaganda, worded to make us think they're doing us a favor, helping out to take away the inconvenience of helping ourselves (hum, ring a fascist bell for anyone?), and further sequestering what it is to be femayl. Menstruation IS: the lining of a womin's uterus breaking down when it is not needed to sustain a fertilized egg (for those not quite clear about that), a completely natural albeit messy, and sometimes painful. But, IT IS NOT: a curse, sin, or anything to be ashamed of as we may be led to believe. It's SO frustrating how ignorant, and uninformed people are, and the way society has a way of perpetuating and standardizing false assumptions, to our own detriment. Question everything, make your own conclusions!! For example, if you had to piss, you wouldn't go buy a sponge and shove it in your bladder (somehow, O.K obviously, but if you've ever before known a virgin to try to insert a tampon I'm sure you can relate!) to soak up the waste your body is trying to get rid of, right?! So, why is it that wommin are expected to use plastic applicators and toxin filled absorbers to soak up something our bodies have already figured out a way to remove. LET IT FLOW!!

Is it really such a big deal to not go swimming for a week, or wear loose dark clothes for a few days ('leakage' paranoia...)?? And is it really worth all the risks big business, and male dominated medical traditions (tested for "effectiveness" on animals) aren't willing to tell the truth about?? It's just another form of modern day slavery to be dependent on products you don't need, made by companies that flourish on greed. By encouraging the use of, (and making your own), and using our imaginations to come up with as many re-usable, re-cyclable things for our every-day lives, we're not only making existing a little nicer: we're reducing the influence of monopolized, profiteering business = A BIG FUCK OFF TO THE SYSTEM!!

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ZINE REVIEWS

Abapa Freer #12 (\$1 sample/\$7 for 5 most recent issues/POB 759-SL/Veneta OR 97487) This is a wonderful bulletin newsletter publication which lists collected and contributed bits focusing on places in the USA that allow more freedom, tolerance and cultural variety with less restrictions, taxes and bullshit. Oregon, Montana and New Hampshire rank among the top states to find these desired freedoms. The format allows for short bits of news and suggestions based on experience. I'm sorry to see that this is the last issue Pat will be organizing, especially because each issue of this seems to be more meaningful and valuable to me as I get closer to actually working on my goal of moving towards a rural and free living environment. Also lists other publications that emphasize freedom.

Amerika: On Trial #1 (Karolyn/Box 2417/ 206 Main St/Northfield MA 01360) This is a photo zine - photos of Aus Rotten, The Plist, Mankind, Drop Dead, Devold of Faith, Dead and Gone — and it includes info on each band (like how to get their records). Also reviews and a couple essay bits on political issues.

Annihilistic Society #2 (\$1/Steve Carroll/10 Sudley Green Ct/Cherry Hill NJ 08003) This second issue has more organized pages in that they are all the same size. There's a long interview w/State of Filth but it's cut off at the end to be continued in the next issue and doesn't include an address so I'm not sure where they're from, but my guess is England. The rest of the zine is basically rants about rejecting the system and the state and the rich fuckers.

At The Crossroads #4 (stamps/donation to Travis M/POB 1032/ Colorado Springs CO 80901) This is a cool zine that I wholeheartedly enjoyed and support. It's got an interesting style of cut and paste article reprints with lots of comments, news, blurbs, quotes and information handwritten into little boxes all across the page. It's all orderly and easy to read though having a style all of it's own. The basic theme is social and political, supporting thoughtfulness and fighting the system and working towards living free and in harmony with the earth and others. Good stuff!

Attitude Problem #28 (\$3/c/o A Network of Friends/ POB 2576/ Hardcore House Colchester Essex CO3 4AA England) This is Attitude Problem the hardcore-punk zine from England (not Arizona) and it's proven to be one of my very favorite zines! There's so much good reading here: many good columns, thoughts and even the interviews were so good that I read the whole thing cover to cover and even found myself getting so excited in agreement with the thoughtful angles that I wanted to reprint a lot of the stuff into S&L. There's intv. w/ Drop Dead, MassKontroll, Envy and Special Duties. I was really disappointed that the Special Duties said they're influenced by the punk revival that Green Day started and that they're about the best band in the past 10 years (that got me worked up) - all the interviews are

(an excellent band with members of Sore Throat, Napalm Death, Ripcord and a host of other UK crust bands) and Profane Existence. This is right up my alley of interest and it is extremely well done which makes for an excellent and favorite zine!! Three cheers for this one to still be kicking!!!

Bamboo Girl #4 (\$2/Sabrina/POB 2828/NY NY 10185-2828) This zine is fat and full of "colored girl angst", as the intro promises. Packed with interesting stuff: Filipino mythology, various writings confronting stereotypes of Asian women, an interview with Abrasive Relations (an all-woman band from the Philippines), a big article on Thorazine, an account of breast surgery, anti-fascism, letters, reviews and lots more. (—Kyanne)

Bottle-Fed - The Anti-Literary Journal of Sour Grapes (\$3/615 Howard Place #401/Madison WI 53703) This is a big fat reading zine. It basically reads like a story/journal and I got really into it. About half was a story about frustrations with journalism school and wallowing in drunkenness with friends. How come writers usually hit the bottle, a lot? Well, I enjoyed it a lot, but then I got sorta down by the wallowing and self-pity, or at least the negativity of it and I didn't want to read anymore. I'm not sure that dismissal is fair though, cause the rest seems to be short, fictional stories. Like I said, lots to read and it's well written - so if you want to read then check it out.

Chumple #65, 66 (stamp/POB 680/Conneaut Lake, PA 16316-0680) This is a one pager zine - including bits and pieces of info about various bands, zines, etc. (—Kyanne)

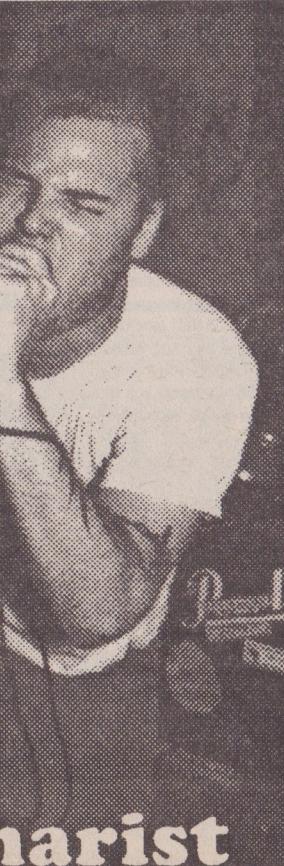
Cimabue #1 (2 stamps/Jamie Brennen/54 N. Montgomery Ave/Norristown PA 19403) A good first issue with mostly personal thoughts and expression. Brief rants on random daily experiences that I enjoyed reading. Also a tour story of the band Gaslight. All in all I think it's a good first issue, but the level of confidence could be higher. If you say, "I got bored after writing just a few words and didn't want to write anymore" - it doesn't exactly entice the reader.

Defecation #3 (2 stamps/ Brendan Sheridan/ Amcongen Hong Kong/PSC 464 Box 30/FPO AP 96522/USA) This reads like a story or diary of an American living in Hong Kong in what I assume is a family military situation. I think it's pretty interesting that the government manages to make a Hong Kong address part of the U.S.A. mail system. Most of the stories are about getting drunk and liking girls and not having a girlfriend - neither of which is very interesting to me, but it was still overall an interesting zine - I guess mostly the differences of life there vs. here.

Des Serpents Sifflent Comme La Pluie Sur Les Pavés (\$3?/Yves Prigent/ BP 07/78110 Les Vesinet/France) OK, I took 3 years of French, but I still can't really read this - it's short stories and photos - the format is beautiful and I only wish I could read it. Obviously Yves put a lot of work into this, so if you read French maybe you should check it out. (—Kyanne)

Eye #6 (50p, offset, full size, \$3.95 153 E. Lindsay St., ste 108, Greensboro, NC, 27401-307) This time out they cover eyeball removal surgery, new legislation censoring sexual expression, maintaining privacy, zombie movies, and quitting heroin. The articles are all well written, well researched, and most importantly, well documented. This has become one of my favorite zines. If you haven't seen it yet, you're missing out. (—Tad)

Fanzine #2 (\$2/69 Governor/ Box 214/ Providence RI 02906) I really don't like when zine writers talk about their girlfriends and broken relationships. Sometimes maybe it's relevant, but most of the time I read it thinking, why do I want to know about this and why is it any of my business. Well there was a lot of that in this zine - and writing along that line that wasn't especially interesting to me mainly because I wasn't compelled to become involved with it. Maybe it's all in the way that it's approached. Some interviews - Ashley Von



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towards a rural and free living environment. Also lists other publications that emphasize freedom.

Amerika: On Trial #1 (Karolyn/ Box 2417/ 206 Main St./ Northfield MA 01360) This is a photo zine - photos of Aus Rotten, the Plist, Mankind, Drop Dead, Devoid of Faith, Dead and Gone — and it includes info on each band (like how to get their records). Also reviews and a couple essay bits on political issues.

Annihilistic Society #2 (\$1/ Steve Carroll/ 10 Sudley Green Ct/ Cherry Hill NJ 08003) This second issue has more organized pages in that they are all the same size. There's a long interview w/ State of Filth but it's cut off at the end to be continued in the next issue and doesn't include an address so I'm not sure where they're from, but my guess is England. The rest of the zine is basically rants about rejecting the system and the state and the rich fuckers.

At The Crossroads #4 (stamps/ donation to Travis M/ POB 1032/ Colorado Springs CO 80901) This is a cool zine that I wholeheartedly enjoyed and support. It's got an interesting style of cut and paste article reprints with lots of comments, news, blurbs, quotes and information handwritten into little boxes all across the page. It's all orderly and easy to read though having a style all of its own. The basic theme is social and political, supporting thoughtfulness and fighting the system and working towards living free and in harmony with the earth and others. Good stuff!

Attitude Problem #28 (\$3/ c/o A Network of Friends/ POB 2576/ Hardcore House/ Colchester Essex CO3 4A4 England) This is Attitude Problem the hardcore-punk zine from England (not Arizona) and it's proven to be one of my very favorite zines! There's so much good reading here: many good columns, thoughts and even the interviews were so good that I read the whole thing cover to cover and even found myself getting so excited in agreement with the thoughtful angles that I wanted to reprint a lot of the stuff into S&L. There's intv. w/ Drop Dead, MassKontroll, Envy and Special Duties. I was really disappointed that the Special Duties said they're not only influenced by the punk revival that Green Day started and that they're about the best band in the past 10 years (that got me worked up) - all the interviews are good and long with a lot of good stuff in them. The columns talk about such things as getting actively involved and not sitting back and expecting others to do things for you and generally challenging your mind and thoughts in a positive direction. I can't agree enough! Excellent reading and most very highly recommended!!!

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Five Relations (an all-woman band from the Philippines), a big article on Thorazine, an account of breast surgery, anti-fascism, letters, reviews and lots more. (—Kyanne)

Bottle-Fed - The Anti-Literary Journal of Sour Grapes (\$3/ 615 Howard Place #401/ Madison WI 53703) This is a big fat reading zine. It basically reads like a story/journal and I got really into it. About half was a story about frustrations with journalism school and wallowing in drunkenness with friends. How come writers usually hit the bottle, a lot? Well, I enjoyed it a lot, but then I got sorta down by the wallowing and self-pity, or at least the negativity of it and I didn't want to read anymore. I'm not sure that dismissal is fair though, cause the rest seems to be short, fictional stories. Like I said, lots to read and it's well written - so if you want to read then check it out.

Chumple #65, 66 (stamp/ POB 680/ Conneaut Lake, PA 16316-0680) This is a one pager zine - including bits and pieces of info about various bands, zines, etc. (—Kyanne)

Cimabue #1 (2 stamps/ Jamie Brennen/ 54 N. Montgomery Ave/ Norristown PA 19403) A good first issue with mostly personal thoughts and expression. Brief rants on random daily experiences that I enjoyed reading. Also a tour story of the band Gaslight. All in all I think it's a good first issue, but the level of confidence could be higher. If you say, "I got bored after writing just a few words and didn't want to write anymore" - it doesn't exactly entice the reader.

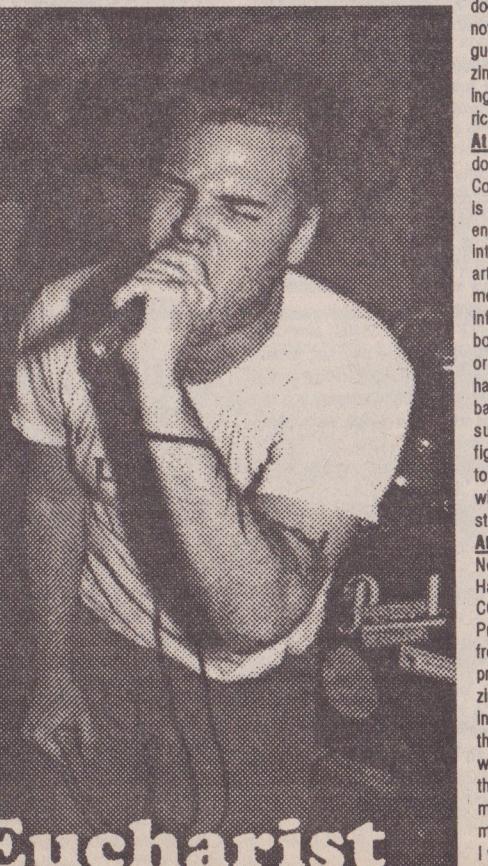
Deflection #3 (2 stamps/ Brendan Sheridan/ Amcrogen Hong Kong PSC 464 Box 30/FPO AP 96522/USA) This reads like a story or diary of an American living in Hong Kong in what I assume is a family military situation. I think it's pretty interesting that the government manages to make a Hong Kong address part of the U.S.A. mail system. Most of the stories are about getting drunk and liking girls and not having a girlfriend - neither of which is very interesting to me, but it was still overall an interesting zine - I guess mostly the differences of life there vs. here.

Des Serpents Sifflent Comms La Plvif Sur Les Paves (\$3/ Yves Prigent/ BP 07/ 78110 Les Vesinet/ France) OK, I took 3 years of French, but I still can't really read this - it's short stories and photos - the format is beautiful and I only wish I could read it. Obviously Yves put a lot of work into this, so if you read French maybe you should check it out. (—Kyanne)

Eve #6 (50pp, offset, full size, \$3.95 153 E. Lindsay St., ste 108, Greensboro, NC, 24701-307) This time out they cover eyeball removal surgery, new legislation censoring sexual expression, maintaining privacy, zombie movies, and quitting heroin. The articles are all well written, well researched, and most importantly, well documented. This has become one of my favorite zines. If you haven't seen it yet, you're missing out. (—Tad)

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representatives of their band etc.). Highly inspiration!! There's also more that I haven't gotten to yet - but the total combination of music, personal thoughts, health issues and politics is so right on in my eyes that I get really excited about this one! (The offset printing ink smell on the paper is addictive tool!) Totally recommend this one!!!

Global Mail #14 (May-Aug.) (\$3/POB 410837/SF CA 94141) This is an excellent resource guide if you're interested in mail art projects. Contains over 850 listings from 45 countries including book projects, zines, archives, actions, boycotts, resources, distros, exchanges, websites, sound and video projects, mail art events and some pen pal contacts as well. Loads of valuable information! It's also accessible on the www: <http://www.well.com/user/soapbox/eglobal.html>.

Heartattack #9 (\$1US/\$2world/POB 848/Goleta CA 93116) This is always one of my favorite zines to read whenever I find one. It's pretty incredible that it's only 25¢ to buy in person - which is a bargain for a big fat 65 page newsprint zine crammed full of good info on the hardcore and punk scene. Loads of good columns, a letters section this time debating rape and date rape as accused of Chris Bonner, music and zine reviews, and perhaps best of all - a resource within the community of hc/punk!

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Little Free Press #115-#137 (stamps/2714 First Ave S./Mpls MN 55408) This is a 4 page weekly, or at least monthly newsletter published by a man who "dropped out" of the rat race in '69 and continues to share his thoughts and ideas on how to create a life with more freedom and less dependence on money. Though reading a whole bunch of these issues at once is a bit repetitive, since they're all based on the same ideas, I always enjoy this newsletter and also recommend it! Ernest doesn't ask for any money for this, just send a stamp per issue.

Mac Paradiak #43-45 (\$4/PO Box 67/81-806 Sopot 6 Poland) This monthly magazine book is so impressive each time that I wish there was something like this in America, or at least in English. But then of course if this were in English (it's in Polish) then I would have quite a backlog of reading to do! Each issue is nearly 100 pages (1/2 size) with a cardstock color cover - which is all good looking and impressive enough. But the contents are a fabulous mix of politics (of the anarchist slant) and music (punk). The combination is really great! With information and in-depth articles and then a supplement in the center covering the worldwide punk scene with interviews and reviews and further contacts. I highly recommend this to everyone - if you read Polish then you must get it, and even if you don't - get one just to see what this is all about - and be inspired!!

Maxine's Pages #34 (Mar) (\$1 + SASE/Crystal Rain/POB 866/Manchester GA 31816) This is one of the oddest publications that I receive and quite honestly I have yet to really figure out what it's all about. It's 4 typed pages talking about informers and political groups; this time observing a Klan rally and protest.

Mercury H9 #2 (Will Meek/PO Box 41393/Brecksville OH 44141)

of which make for it to be the ultimate means for a zine. But best of all is that Chris Jensen is a wonderful writer and invites you into a glimpse of his life and world through his zine with much of the same style that I try to do with S&L, except that I think he's a much better writer. Based around the Long Island Hardcore and punk scene this little gem talks about regional bands and shows and general scene stuff but also moves beyond that into the other sides of Chris' life which include teaching and in the Feb. issue a ski trip with his students. It's real, poignant and just beautiful in my eyes. Without a doubt I can't recommend enough that you should send a bunch of stamps and get these regularly. (stamp per issue).

My World Is... #5 (\$3/BP 07/78110 Le Vesinet/France) Written half in French and half in English (with this issue having more French than past) contains interviews w/Vulture Culture and Erased Today, zine and music reviews, and a travel story about Cuba. The rest being in French, I can't really comment on - but there's some scene info and more including a comic from Stephane.

Open Zine #1 (\$2ppd/7013 SW 83 Ct/Miami FL 33143) A debut issue on newsprint format! This has an interview w/ John the guy that does the Queen of the Scene comics, and a talk with the x-trumpet player from Against All Authority that was almost so personal that I didn't want to read it and an intv. w/the Voodoo Glow Skulls. Plus some reviews and coffee talk.

ox - Face The Facts #22 (\$7/cb/ Joachim Hiller/PO Box 14 34 45/D-45264 Essen Germany) I think the best thing about this zine for those who don't read German, has to be the fact that it comes with a CD with 29 bands on it. The most notable bands on this compilation are Blanks 77, SFA, Funeral Oration, 88 Fingers Louie, Richies, and Bambix, though overall no particular tracks really grabbed me. The zine (written in German) has interviews w/ Bottom 12, Good Riddance, Family Values, Ignite, Wreckage Records, Cows, Blow Hard, Horace Pinker, Dead Moon, Tilt, Don Fury, John Yates, plus loads of reviews, comics and more.

And all of this is in reduced type - so that this is a ton, I mean a ton of stuff to read here on these pages!! Well done.

Phalanx #10 (\$1/Brian/7100 East Evans Ave. #329 A/Denver CO 80224) This one is right up my alley - along the lines of music I like with thoughtful writing and an artistic focus with artwork and layout. Truly an excellent zine and one of my favorites! Interviews with Los Crudos, Code 13, Final Conflict, Simon Gane from Amie comic, plenty of reviews - following along the grindy peace punk variety plus an excellent section of columns. I found a lot of good thoughts and ideas expressed here and whole-heartedly enjoyed reading this! Without a doubt a favorite and most highly recommended!

Point Blank #6 (\$1 + stamps/c/o Doug/PO Box 114/Mt. Orab OH 45154) This zine's a whole year old but a good one and you can still get a copy of it. Crusty peace punk noisy interviews w/Mortice, Suppression, Preparation H, Rekt, Doom, Avulsion, Hellnation and Dystopia plus some more good reading. These guys have always been cool and I'm glad that they're still kicking with whatever activities they're up to - write and see!

w/ Excradore from Brasil, and the reviews, letters and columns. Profane is a favorite and these issues are both excellent!

Publik Enema #10 (\$1US/\$2 world/ 25686 Nugget/ El Toro CA 92630) This is mostly a travel diary, plus excerpts from "Bomb the Suburbs", and various other intriguing stories/articles - like the photos found in Oregon of hundreds of strange bikini'd women taken by some pervert guy, a huge letters section, lots of book reviews, collages — real dense and chunky — great zine, specially for the price! (— Kyanne)

Punx Unite Newsletter #1 (May) (stamp/cb Dan or Klaus/ 62 Creekwood/ Cincinnati OH 45246)

This is a cool one pager newsletter talking about punk rock in the region of Cincinnati with an introduction to the idea for forming this and reviewing some shows and listing some upcoming ones. I'm all for this kinda of communication!!

Riot Grrrl Review #1 (2 stamps/Kristy/ 922 NE 17th Street/Cape Coral FL 33909) This is an all review zine, focusing on zines and music done primarily by women but not exclusively riot grrrl or feminists. Anyone remember Sarah Dyer & Action Girl? Well this sort of picks up where Sarah has left off and is a commendable attempt at keeping the lines of

contacts and communication open!! Check it out!

Riotous Assembly #1 (Jan-Mar.) (2 stamps/\$1 or 2 IRC's overseas/POB 20302/Boulder CO 80308) An excellent new zine in the style and format of S&L. It's got more focus on news and politics, making it like a cross between S&L and Profane Existence. Noise and zine reviews, classifieds, political news, a short interview with State of Fear from Mpls, and the Riotous Assembly mailorder list make up the contents of these 8 pages of newsprint. Excellent format and highly recommended! A new issue should be out about now, or soon!

Ripping Thrash #11/Hell and Damnation #1 (\$4ppd/Ripping Thrash/PO Box 152/Burton-On-Trent/Staff/DE14 1XX/England) Split zine with a classic issue from Ripping Thrash containing interviews w/Acao Direta (from Brazil), Das Klown (CA), Chaotic End (Greece), Apocalypse Babys (UK), scene reports from South Africa and Bulgaria, and reviews. And the debut issue of the handwritten Hell and Damnation which interviews Suffer (UK), and Pink Flamingos (Germany), has a load of reviews, some kick ass art and some basic thoughts and stuff on Celtic tattooing, anarchism, animal rights issues and the band

Slingshot #54 (Spring) (\$2/ Long Hau/ 3124 Shattuck Avenue/Berkeley CA 94705) I'm so glad to see that Slingshot is still publishing cause this is a really good newspaper covering politics on a world level, but also with a focus on the East Bay community. I've always liked the feel of this paper - it covers a lot of serious issues, but manages to have a comfortable and accessible look and layout (lots of graphics). Info on Radio Free Berkeley and free radio stations across the country, the People's Park, Cuba, East Timor, affirmative action, immigration and Mumia Abu Jamal. Check it out!

Social Unrest! #4 (\$2/ Mail Box 138/ 4001 Stockdale Hwy/Bakersfield CA 93309) This zine proves that Southern California is keeping passive protest in the form of peace punk alive and well! I really like this zine a lot - it's got good information and a good attitude. Contains a lot of reprinted articles and info on animal rights and liberation info, defense of immigrants, Food Not Bombs, Copwatch, diy cloth menstrual pads, voting, companies that test their products on animals, So. Cal peace festival and the local scene plus band interviews with Resist and Exist, Siren, and Black Label. Good stuff!!

Stomping Bulldogs #1 (\$4/ O. Stadtmuhlgasse 4/ 91781 Weissenburg Germany) A good debut issue covering Oi-ska-punk focusing mostly on skinheads. Interviews w/Pure Impact, Condemned 84, Anti-Heros, Pressure 28, KroMen, Invaders and more. Reviews and lots of pictures (mostly of skinheads and bulldogs). It's all in German.

Stuck In Traffic #9-14 (\$2/\$10 for year/Calvin Stacy Powers/2012 Talkway Drive/Cary NC 27511) This is a 4 page personal newsletter that talks about current events and random bits of life, which I enjoyed a lot. For someone like me who totally avoids all news and current events it is nice to read a fairly light-hearted, yet intelligent and critical evaluation of the bullshit going on out there in the world. But the serious topics are also broken up by seasonal things. It's somewhat random, but also very organized with a catchy layout - making it intriguing. I liked it!

Tangent Zine #3 (\$1 + 2 stamps/ PO Box 1781/ Spokane WA 99210) I was instantly drawn to the stencil word cover and the mini Tangent 3.5 that is attached by a string and the patch that all came with this. And so I saved it to savor for a time when I could commit myself to read it all (cause it's got a lot of pages (52) to read. It sorta focuses on the personal side talking a lot about gender issues - with talk of rape and homosexuality and some thoughts on gender confusion - all of which was interesting to read. There's writing by several contributors which keeps the viewpoints varied. I liked this one quite a bit.

The Texas Show List (stamp/ POB 8054/Austin TX 78713-8054) Jeremy compiles this excellent list of shows and events happening in various cities in Texas for the month, as well as listing club and record store information. This is an excellent source of info and really pretty invaluable. If you've got info to contribute - send it to him. If you live in Texas send a stamp and get a copy and see what's up. And every one else should think about the possibilities of doing something like this in your own area or state. Get informed and connected!!

Tripwire Fanzine #25 (\$1/4212 E. 25th Street/Tucson AZ 85711) Some thoughts on politicians and voting in elections, defense of animals in labs, a big interview (part 2) with the band Toepath and some other bits.

Under The Volcano #30 (\$2/POB 236/Nesconset NY 11767) This is a 5 year anniversary issue and includes reprints of what they consider to be the best of or most representative of the past 5 years of coverage. Includes interviews w/Jesus Lizard, Jayne County, Rancid, the Offspring, NOFX, Dischord Records, Jello Biafra, Peter Murphy, the Swans, and more. An excellent issue!

1 in 12 Club news zine (21-23 Albion Street/Bradford, West Yorkshire England) The 1 in 12 is England's, or at least Bradford's equal to ABC NO RIO - a collective arts space that has gigs among other things. This news zine which has yet to be named marks the 15th



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Mac Pariadka #43-45 (\$4/ PO Box 67/ 81-806 Sopot 6 Poland) This monthly magazine book is so impressive each time that I wish there was something like this in America, or at least in English. But then of course if they were in English (it's in Polish) then I would have quite a backlog of reading to do! Each issue is nearly 100 pages (1/2 size) with a cardstock color cover - which is all good looking and impressive enough. But the contents are a fabulous mix of politics (of the anarchist slant) and music (punk). The combination is really great! With information and in-depth articles and then a supplement in the center covering the worldwide punk scene with interviews and reviews and further contacts. I highly recommend this to everyone - if you read Polish then you must get it, and even if you don't - get one just to see what this is all about - and be inspired!!

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Open Zine #1 (\$2ppd/ 7013 SW 83 Ct/ Miami FL 33143) A debut issue on newsprint format! This has an interview w/ John the guy that does the Queen of the Scene comics, and a talk with the x-trumpet player from Against All Authority that was almost so personal that I didn't want to read it and an intv. w/ the Voodoo Glow Skulls. Plus some reviews and coffee talk.

Ox - Face The Facts #22 (\$7/ c/o Joachim Hiller/ PO Box 14 34 45/ D-45264 Essen Germany) I think the best thing about this zine for those who don't read German, has to be the fact that it comes with a CD with 29 bands on it. The most notable bands on this compilation are Blanks 77, SFA, Funeral Oration, 88 Fingers Louie, Richies, and Bambix, though overall no particular tracks really grabbed me. The zine (written in German) has interviews w/ Bottom 12, Good Riddance, Family Values, Ignite, Wreckage Records, Cows, Blow Hard, Horace Pinker, Dead Moon, Tilt, Don Fury, John Yates, plus loads of reviews, comics and more.

And all of this is in reduced type - so that this is a ton, I mean a ton of stuff to read here on these pages!! Well done.

Phalanx #10 (\$1/ Brian/ 7100 East Evans Ave. #329 A/ Denver CO 80224) This one is right up my alley - along the lines of music I like with thoughtful writing and an artistic focus with artwork and layout. Truly an excellent zine and one of my favorites! Interviews with Los Crudos, Code 13, Final Conflict, Simon Gane from Amie comic, plenty of reviews - following along the grindy peace punk variety plus an excellent section of columns. I found a lot of good thoughts and ideas expressed here and whole-heartedly enjoyed reading this! Without a doubt a favorite and most highly recommended!

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Riot Grrrl Review

#1 (2 stamps/ Kristy/ 922 NE 17th Street/ Cape Coral FL 33909)

This is an all review zine, focusing on zines and music done primarily by women but not exclusively riot girls or feminists. Anyone remember Sarah Dyer and Action Girl? Well this sort of picks up where Sarah has left off and is a commendable attempt at keeping the lines of

contacts and communication open!! Check it out!

Riotous Assembly #1 (Jan-Mar.) (2 stamps/ \$1 or 2 IRC's overseas/ POB 20302/ Boulder CO 80308) An excellent new zine in the style and format of S&L. It's got more focus on news and politics, making it like a cross between S&L and Profane Existence. Noise and zine reviews, classifieds, political news, a short interview with State of Fear from Mpls, and the Riotous Assembly mailorder list make up the contents of these 8 pages of newsprint. Excellent format and highly recommended! A new issue should be out about now, or soon!

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Stuck In Traffic #9-14 (\$2/ \$10 for year/ Calvin Stacy Powers/ 2012 Talloway Drive/ Cary NC 27511) This is a 4 page personal newsletter that talks about current events and random bits of life, which I enjoyed a lot. For someone like me who totally avoids all news and current events it is nice to read a fairly light-hearted, yet intelligent and critical evaluation of the bullshit going on out there in the world. But the serious topics are also broken up by seasonal things. It's somewhat random, but also very organized with a catchy layout - making it intriguing. I liked it!

Tangent Zine #3 (\$1 + 2 stamps/ PO Box 1781/ Spokane WA 99210) I was instantly drawn to the stencil word cover and the mini Tangent 3.5 that is attached by a string and the patch that all came with this. And so I saved it to savor for a time when I could commit myself to read it all (cause it's got a lot of pages (52) to read). It sorta focuses on the personal side talking a lot about gender issues - with talk of rape and homosexuality and some thoughts on gender confusion - all of which was interesting to read. There's writing by several contributors which keeps the viewpoints varied. I liked this one quite a bit.

The Texas Show List (stamp/ PO Box 8054/ Austin TX 78713-8054) Jeremy compiles this excellent list of shows and events happening in various cities in Texas for the month, as well as listing club and record store information. This is an excellent source of info and really pretty invaluable. If you've got info to contribute - send it to him. If you live in Texas send a stamp and get a copy and see what's up. And every one else should think about the possibilities of doing something like this in your own area or state. Get informed and connected!!

Tripwire Fanzine #25 (\$1/ 4212 E. 25th Street/ Tucson AZ 85711) Some thoughts on politicians and voting in elections, defense of animals in labs, a big interview (part 2) with the band Toepath and some other bits.

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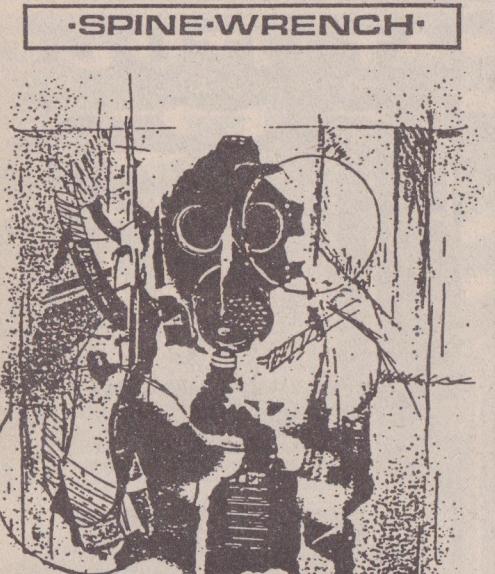
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-- LOST FRIENDS! I'm looking for Quisp & Heather Alelefigiu of Honey Dungeon Zine, from Forked River, New Jersey, USA. I think they moved to

IL, I'm not sure. Quisp or Heather or anyone who knows them - please write. Alex Balansag/ Blk 13 Lot 2/ Saarland Vill II/ Antipolo, Rizal/ 1870 Philippines.

-- TOM JENNINGS is anyone aware of his present whereabouts? Is he dead? I hope not. Someone please enlighten me as to what he's up to. C.R./ Box 333/ Olbsmar FL 34677-0006

-- CHRISTINE CHENG - you moved out of the Martha Washington! Where are you! I'm moving back to NYC soon, so write me (or call if you still have the #). Kelly Cassidy/ 350 Walpole St/ Norwood MA 02062

-- LOOKING FOR KOTTER FROM BROOKLYN. I met you at a show at the REED Room in Manhattan on 4/28. I may be moving to NYC, and if you want to talk more, contact me soon at: (518) 271-9073 or write to: PO Box 66453/ Albany NY 12206-6453.

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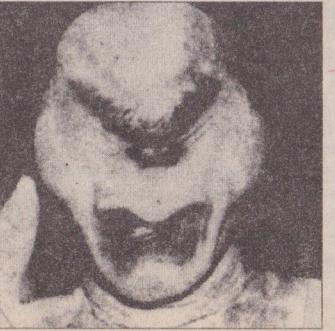
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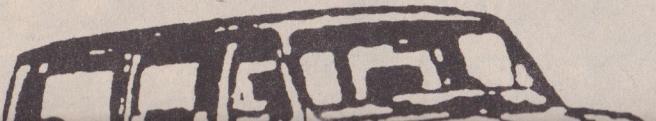


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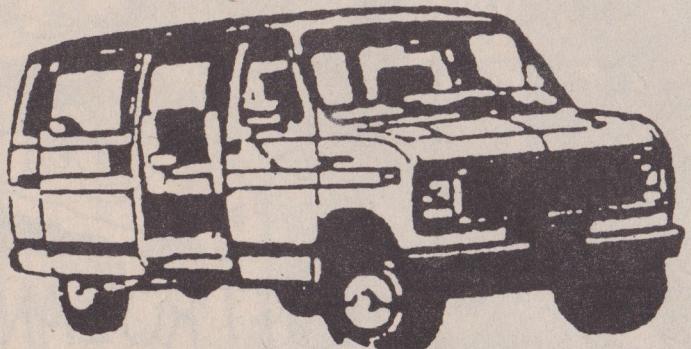


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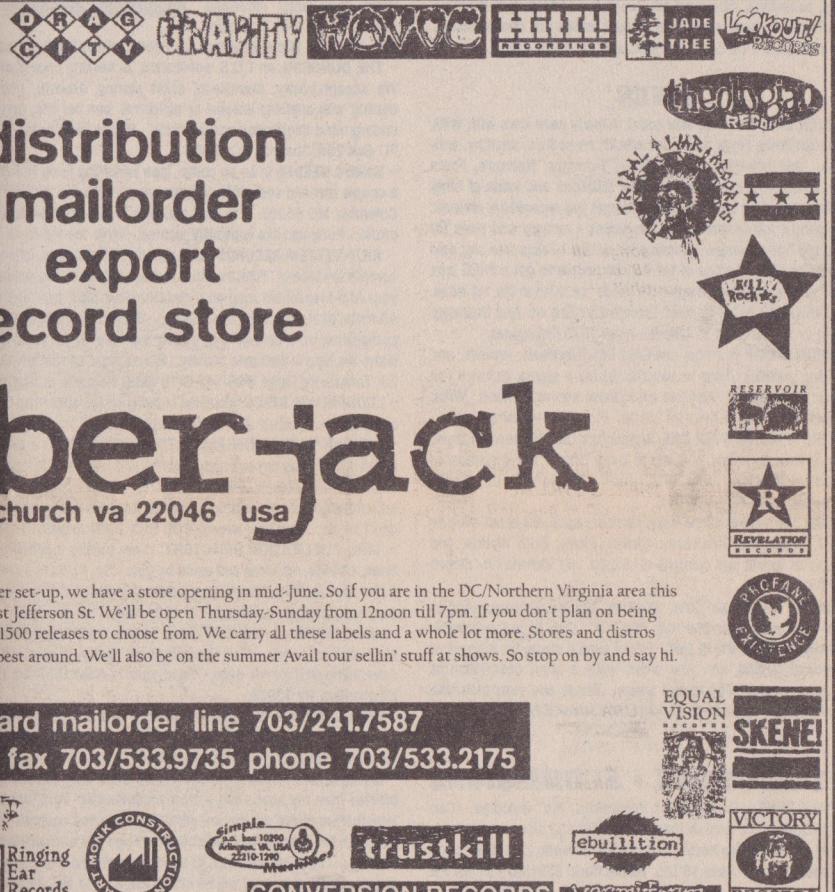
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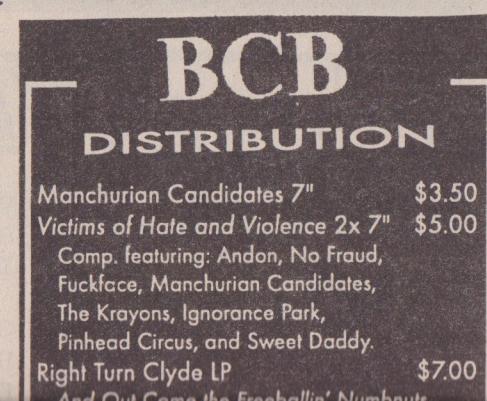
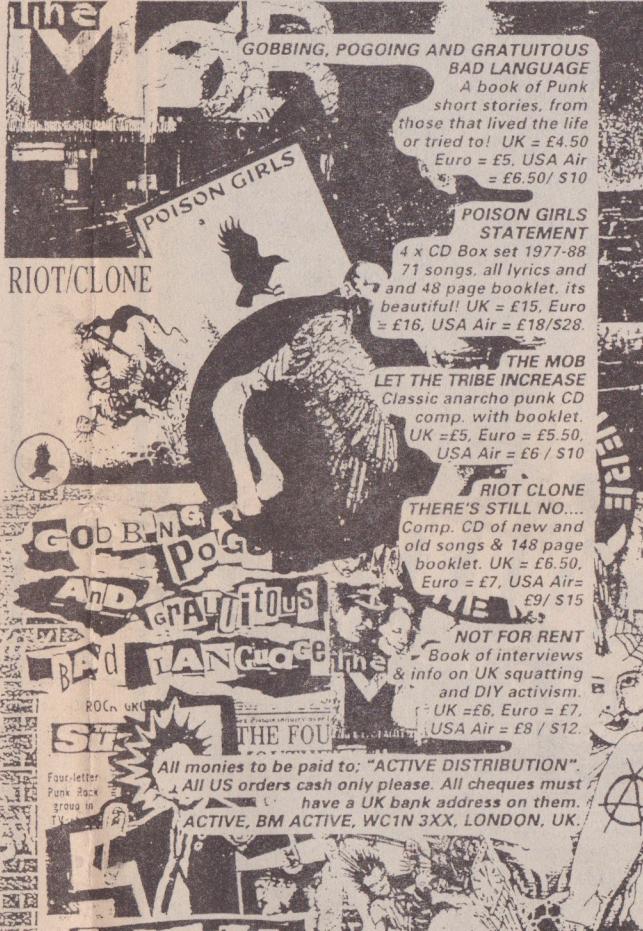
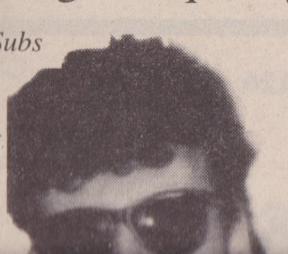


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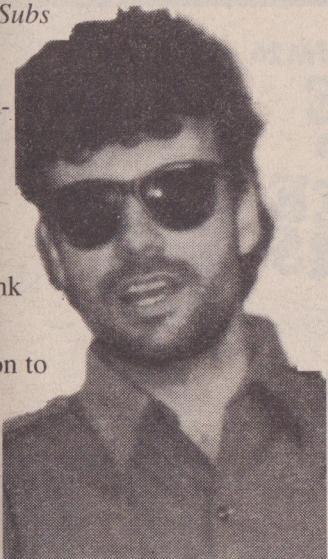


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**** The Bolts - Hearts of the Oppressed 7"** I love these guys and it's so awesome cause I had this idea in my head that they sounded totally different and now I feel kinda stupid - cause I really liked them a lot, so I was missing out!! They've got a really good sound that has the incredible power of voices singing together (that may sound cheezy, but there's something really incredible about a few voices that really sing well together) overtop of some catchy punk music that has a whole bunch of different layers and angles happening, all of which gets inside me and takes me along with it! And good thoughtful lyrics too! It reminds me a bit of 2.5 Children actually, and they're a favorite! These guys are awesome and probably one of the best and biggest surprises I've had in awhile!! (Creep Records/ Suite 220/ 252 E. Market St/ West Chester PA 19381)

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**** Bouncing Souls - Maniacal Laughter CD** I love these guys! I was sorta afraid that I was losing touch with these guys and well, in the physical I am since they've been on tour for a solid year, but after not liking the last 7" so much, I was worried - but this is a good release of new stuff, good old Bouncing Souls style. It's got some of the newer/older songs that they've been playing live though last year - like Lamar Vanoy, Johnny X and Quick Chek Girl - which is cool and even the newer songs I haven't heard are catchy and growing on me. Shal pounds those drums so hard that I can't help but bounce along. How could I say a bad word about these lovable boys - except that they should fucking come home already!! (BYO)

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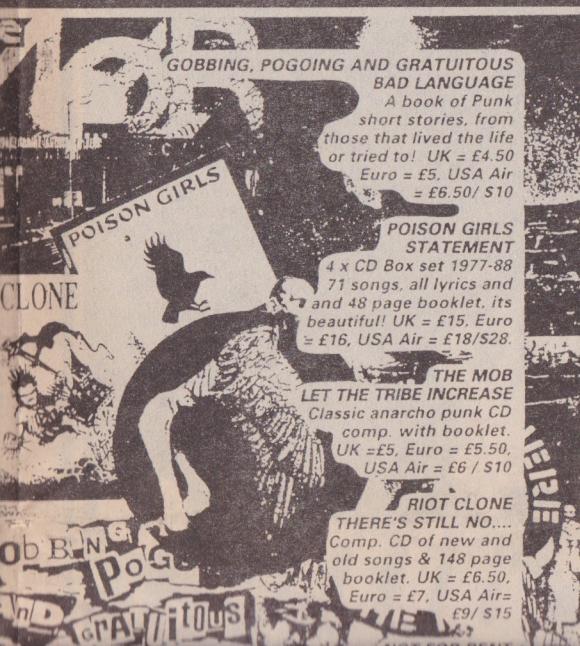
to like this — but it's boring! The music is really simple basic bop-te-dop stuff and the vocals are actually the best part - but it just doesn't have any life! Maybe this is one that would have been better as a 7". (Beer City Records)

***** Brother Inferior - Blasphemy and Treason 7"** This is the long-awaited new 7" from the awesome favorite of mine - Brother Inferior. These guys rock!! They play catchy straight-forward fast hardcore punk with a political as well as just plain intelligently thoughtful backing of lyrics. They've been a favorite to get me jumping-ly happy and I'm really excited about this new one that follows along to their last 7" just perfectly. It's got a real strong thumpity drum beat that gets my toes tapping and head bobbing and I think they're the perfect blend of peace-punk hardcore. A favorite which I highly recommend!!! (\$3 US/ \$4 world/ Sensual Underground Ministries/ 1430 S. Quincy Ave/ Tulsa OK 74120-5826)

Candiria - Deep In The Mental 7" I wasn't expecting to really like this, in fact I wanted to give it to Tad to review, but rather than procrastinate - I gave it a listen and it's pretty fucking cool. With some jazz roots and technical instrumentation they play some unique death metal that really stands out! Without a doubt metal, with deep throat vocals and kick ass heavy double bass drums plus all sorts of wacky ditties happening which really make for an interesting sound. And talk about making use of the format - this is a long 7"! (\$4/ Devastating Sound Works/ POB 20691/ NY NY 10009)

Cathedral - The Carnival Bizarre CD I've always liked Cathedral and they're heavy Black Sabbath inspired dark rockin' metal, and I hadn't even realized that they put out like 2 other LP's on a major label. Now they're back on Earache with a new one which is a good laugh. I saw them recently too, and though there is still an appealing quality - the total rock out metal "All Right New York" kinda thing was just way too cheezy for me to take seriously or appreciate. The best part, or the worst, are the lyrics. It's so far out into disney fantasy land talking about devil's rocking hard and nights of the seagulls and freak out of the mellow man, and that is just a bare touch on how far tweaked they get. We used to get out cheezy deathmetal records late at night after our punk rock parties and I can picture those same drunks having a laugh with this. Sometimes I like things purely for the ridiculous extreme - and the more I read the lyrics - the more I like this for it's absurdity. (Earache)

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Beyond Description - Fine Day Nostalgia 7" Fast and heavy grinding speeded up thrash, with a Swedish hc crossed with Jap-core kinda crunch, and it's from Japan. I like it. It's heavy and powerful with a metal crunching edge and it's got a grrr-graninal craziness to it that is good! (\$6ppd/Forest Records/c/o Hideyuki Okahara/Ceramica 2 #301, 1-37 Minami-cho/2-chome, Kokubunji-shi, Tokyo/185 Japan)

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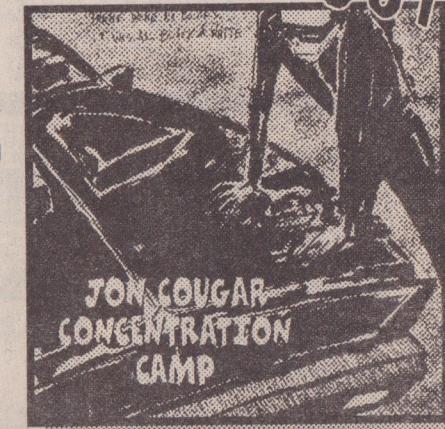
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mesmerizes me, but it still keeps rocking. The vocals are abrasive and raw screams and there's tons of noisy distortion over the whole recording. I just finally got to see them at C-Squat and even though I think the line up is different from this recording - they totally rocked my world!! They play in NYC a lot - so if you're around here - go see them! (\$4/ Devastating Soundworks/ POB 20691/ NY NY 10009)

CavityDaisycutter split 7" It's bad enough that this is a split (I'm just tired of split 7's) but once again, it's a split 7" with no labeling as to which band is on which side. Both bands are down with the slow heavy groove and sampling overdubs. Neither one are particularly interesting this time around. One has more wawa groove, one has more feedback noise. Disappointing. (\$3/ Starcrunch/ PO Box 9152/ Miami FL 33124)

**** Chaos U.S.A. - CD compilation** This is an excellent compilation with some old favorites as well as a chance for me to be pleasantly introduced to some new ones. I'm pretty sure that all of these bands are from Southern California. I suppose the only flaw to this comp. is that there is no band info or contacts included and that is a really important part of these projects. However we've got a few tracks each from *Litmus Green* and *Naked Aggression*, both of which are old favorites. And then *ADZ* - straightforward ho-punk with a thumpin' beat, I like *UXA* a lot they've got a female singer and rock like early 80s punk - they've got a song called "Tree Punks" (!) and play some bagpipes, *Lunker* are pretty rockin', *Organized Crime* have a sing-a-long upbeat tempo, *Armistice* are probably my surprise favorite - with a female singer and dual vocals, a hard edge tinged with a bit of metal crunching peace punk!, I like *Raunch* who have a fitting name with a heavy grungy dual vocalized crusty powerful sound which, *Divisia* are heavy with a doomy metal feel and a female singer who can really sing - reminds me a bit of *APPLE* from NY. I'm glad to hear so many females represented in this comp. - it's kinda rare and I always really appreciate it. This is good stuff! *Armistice*, *Divisia*, and *Raunch* are my new favorites and this whole CD is full of really good straight up California punk!! (St. Thomas Records/ PO Box 7427/ Orange CA 92613) **Christdriver - Your Vision Leaves Me Blind 7"**

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Coat Hanger Kids 7" This is tard core & I guess I like tard core - cause this rocks!! They've got a cool female singer and a good stand-out original sound. It rocks, but it doesn't fit into a little category, which is refreshing right now! Good strong drum beats, catchy bits, quirky bits on the guitar, and good dual (mf) vocals. I like it! (\$4/Coathanger Kids/3510 Oarfish Ln/ Oxnard CA 93003)

**** CoExist - Ileilu mise en relation entre townplener 7"** I read a review for this in *Heartattack* that said this was heavy grindy stuff with a female singer and pleasant melodies and I thought it sounded pretty rad. So then when Will had these records I was really excited and he was so surprised that I had heard of them and gave me a copy of it. I totally love it!! They're from France and have this sound that reminds me of European crusty peace punk bands that I always love (Disaffect and One by One come to mind). It's got dual male and female vocals and a heavy thundering drum beat with a crunchy metal edge that is absolutely delightful with perfection to my ears!!! This is a band for me to be really excited about cause they rock my little world!!! (Ape Records/ Kathleen & Gilles/ 80 Rue Des Chaises/ 45140 St. Jean De La Ruelle/ France)

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with lyrics (which are great) and stickers (which are funny). If you want something different and totally unpredictable - then try this. (\$4ppd/ Chaos Or bust! POB 443/ Oxford MS 38655)

Cracked Cop Skulls - No Fucking Tears for the Pieces of Shit 7" This is an awesome band made up of members from an impressive list of old UK punk bands (incl. Sore Throat, Filthkick and more). CCS like to change their name and have released some songs as the name Crapped Cops Pants as well as having some songs on the Endless Struggle comp. as Sore Throat. I can't get through this review without a mention of the very heavy Discharge influence, or as Todd said - it sounds like Disaster doing Discharge. They've got loads of short crunchy grinding bass heavy with distortion songs on this 7" and I they're one to open up your ears to for sure!! (Days Of Fury/ POB 65/ Wallasey L45 3QE)

The Crumbs - Get All Tangled Up! 10"

I really like the 10" format, I guess cause it's different and gets your attention. This is rockin' melody. With a total old style clean guitar rockin' sound complete with back up woohah vocals and harmony. (\$7ppd/ Far Out Records/ PO Box 14361/ Fort Lauderdale FL 33302)

**** Dad, I Can't Breathe - Creep Records Compilation LP** Proving that West Chester is the rock city the Creepy guys have brought together all of the area bands for a rockin' compilation. I'm really excited about this cause I didn't expect to like all of these bands as much as I do, that being cause some of it is a long the melodic/pokey lines of punk — however I think that this stuff all totally rocks and makes for a really really good compilation. My favorite is the 2.5 Children "Land of the Free" song - which is perhaps my favorite song of all from them, The Abreacts, and The Bolts are totally awesome as well. Also got a song each from Not Your Friends, Stressboy, Plow United, Reject, True Zero, Cabin Boy, The Pins, Wally, Jake & The Stiffs, Third Year Freshman, Super Hi-5, Peepshow, Spongegod and Boy Sets Fire. I have to recommend this one - enter the rock city of Pennsylvania!!! (Creep Records/ Suite 220/ 252 East Market St/ West Chester PA 19381)

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Dead Silence - Hell, How Could We Make Any More Money Than This?

7" Dead Silence are another of my all time favorite bands. And though I don't think anything tops "Mad Scientists Ball" of how ever many years ago - they are continuing to challenge the status quo and in this case - especially take a big fat jab at some of those so-called punk bands that have made the break for the big time. That in and of itself is delightful. The booklet that comes with this includes not only the lyrics but additional thoughts on the subjects (and more). Musically I'm not carried away by this like I want to be, and while it is somewhat down-beat and low key it does still have an unmistakable Dead Silence sound mostly in the vocals that is always good. (\$3.50/ Profane Existence/ PO Box 8722/ Mpls MN 55408)

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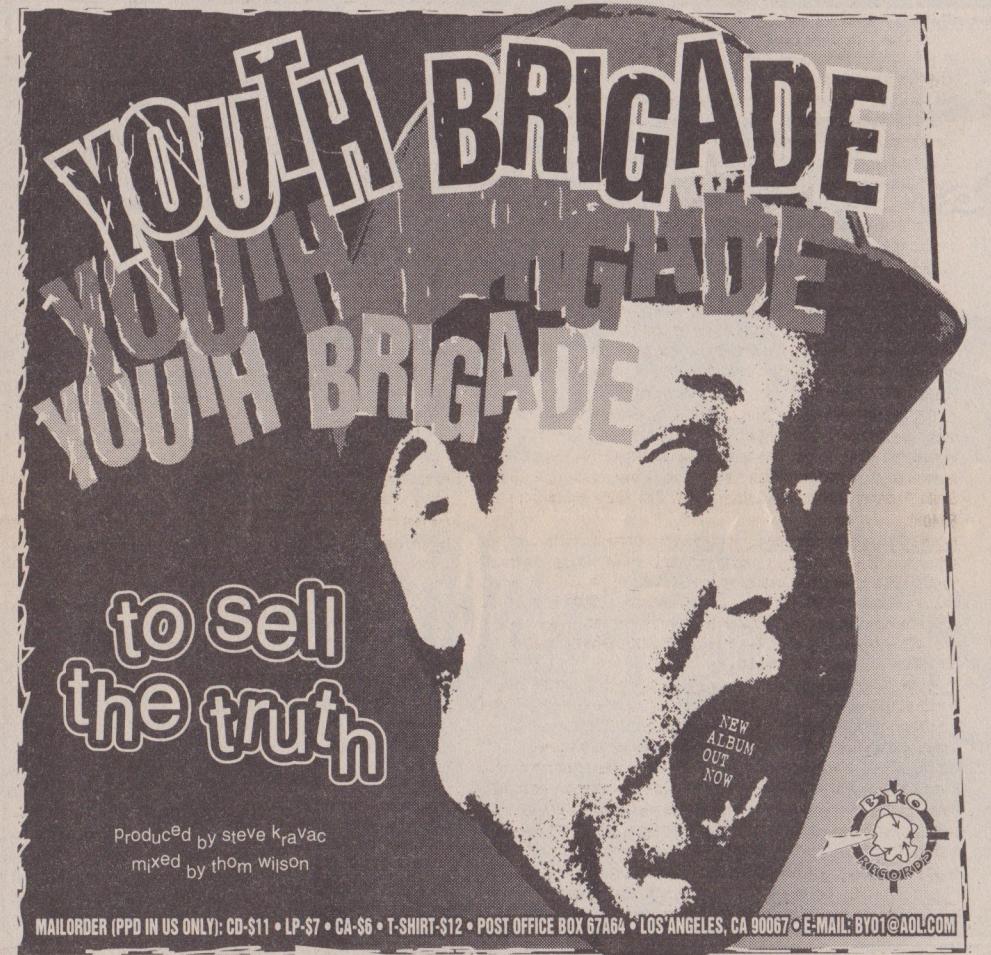
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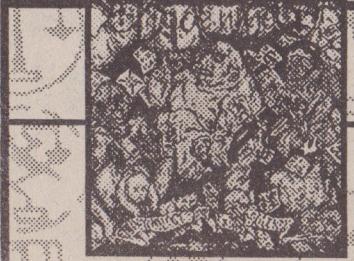


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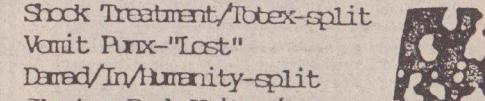
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and it's rockin' - Todd likes it! (Beer City Records)

Dishwasher - Music to Wash Dishes **By vol. 1** This is cool - it's a Dishwasher zine record with 4 bands - The Queers, Ten-Four, The Hi-Fives and Scared of Chaka. I don't really dig the bands at all - but they're all singing about washing dishes and there's these great sound bites in between the songs that sound like they're from a 50's operational film about washing dishes. Pete is awesome and so is his Dishwashing zine and so I think this record comp. and the accompanying booklet which is like a mini Dishwasher zine is awesome! (Seven-O-Two Records/POB 204/Reno NV 89504)

Divisive - What's Left Of Us **CD** I first heard this So. Cal. female vocationed punk band on the Chaos USA compilation, and so to get a full length release right away is a big treat cause I liked 'em a lot!! This is a bunch of very catchy songs that keeps growing on me and demanding that I listen again and again. It's not as metal as I thought when I first heard them, but it does have a hard rockin' beat and kinda reminds me of some of those rockin' girl bands like (Red Aunts and L7). She has a strong voice and sings powerfully in a bunch of different styles! An awesome band!! (split label release: Pessimiser/POB 4452/Inglewood CA 90309 and theologian/200 Pier Ave. #2/ Hermosa Beach, CA 90254)

The Dread/God squad **split 7"** Right now I'm irritated by the split 7" format - just cause it's too fast for each band. This is a good combination though - both bands are catchy, a bit rockin' with a bit of melody or catchiness as well as some energy and a good beat. Both bands are also full of good folks. (\$3/Six Weeks Records/PO Box 6573/Concord CA 94524)

Drop Forge - The Largest Tool Known To Man... **7"** Working class rock n' roll tunes about beer and thieves. (Beer City Records)

Dutchland Diesel **7"** While I generally just don't go for the ultra melodic harmony stuff — perhaps it's all about when and how you listen to it. Then again, there are also always those that stand out above the rest. That is Dutchland Diesel. It's melodic with an emotional feeling and generally pretty up-lifitingly light, though it does still have energy — and it's definitely one of the better and/or more interesting of the sorts that I've heard and this could really grow on me if I listen to it in the right mood enough. (Creep Records/Suite 220/252 E. Market St/West Chester PA 19381)

*** Ebola - Incubation **LP** I get so much inspiration and rejuvenation not only from hearing bands like Ebola, but also from just knowing that they exist - and that they're are people and bands in the hardcore/punk

scene that are still dedicated to the THOUGHTS and IDEAS!! I got a tape of the recording of this LP this winter and it became an instant favorite to be listened to regularly and raved about to everyone I know. And now that the actual vinyl is out and the lyric booklet is accompanying the music it really leaves me totally speechless! But let me give you an idea of where they're coming from: First of all this is some members from One By One, and they maintain some of the sound and style - specifically Karin's vocals, but they've also got a heavier, brutal and more powerful intensity that will knock you on the ground. I've been comparing them to ABC Diablo. It's absolutely magnificent and beautiful! The MF dual vocals and the all out power and complexity of the music combined with incredible words (along with explanations and more in the book) make for an absolutely mandatory recommendation and favorite from me!!! (\$10 Eur/\$12 world/ Flat Earth/Bradford Music/ PO Box 169/Bradford BD7 1YS UK. Distributed through Active/ BM London/WC1N/ London UK. And Profane Existence and Tribal War in the USA)

Floor/Tired From Now On **split 7"** Split 7" really suck for reviewing. Especially when the vinyl isn't labeled and you just don't know which band is which. Why do they do this? One is really abrasive and discordant with that angst and pain kinda feeling that grunges and trudges along. And the other one goes for that ultra fucking heavy, tuned way down Black Sabbath style bass heavy sound with vocals that seem to be through a megaphone. I like this stuff. The slow heavy stuff gets a little boring when it doesn't rock, but this is pretty good. Now which one is which? (No Idea/PO Box 14638/Gainesville FL 32604-4636)

Flux of Disorder/Up Yours! **split 7"** I really like when a 7" has a nice looking graphic artistic cover. The Flux of Disorder artwork is awesome and so I was drawn to want to listen to this. Punky punky stuff on the thrashy side with lots of guitar distortion and a thumpity drum beat. It's pretty good, but I can see them getting even better! Up Yours! have a real thumpity fast pogo drum beat with dual vocals half of which remind me of Gorge and the Casualties. Wow! both of these bands are really good and they're both from Colorado! Cool! Punky (pictures too!!) (Hazy Morning Music/ 303 S. Broadway Suite B131/Denver CO 80209)

Freak Show - Fuckers Of Defeat **ep** Freak Show are from Spain and they're pretty cool. First of all, they've got a nice looking record sleeve and include their lyrics (which are excellent thoughtful ones) and while these things sound obvious enough - it's not always there, and I always do appreciate it. And musically it's good straight-forward hardcore ranging in speed and tempos. Including a Minor Threat cover. (\$4 in Europe/\$5 world/split

release: Sour Grapes/Daniel Ferrero/POB 506/29640 Fuengirola/ Spain. and Per Koro/Markus Haas/Bismarckstr. 55/28203 Bremen Germany) FuckFace/Hickey **split 7"** FuckFace go totally fucking mad with high speed spastic thrashing hardcore. I can see the energy emanating through the vinyl. In comparison Hickey could be singing love songs. Okay, well not quite. They got one real poppy tune and then one that goes for that emo heaviness crossed with melodic pause. (\$2/Matt FuckFace/POB 15295/SF CA 94115)

Fudge Daddy-Os/KittyBadass **split 7"** What names huh? If I didn't know these folks, I probably would just say ugh, and pass it along. But Spazz and Donn are good fellas and they have so much fun with their music that I gotta love 'em. So the Fudge Daddy-Os are high energy fun and some ultra melody. Kitty Badass have a silly name, and 3 gals who I think are probably from Bad Dreamhouse. This is pretty poppy and melodic though, and I really don't dig it. (\$3 US/\$5 world/ Computer Crime Records/ PO Box 1684/Norwalk CT 06852-1684)

Fun Girls - Dairy Of A Madwoman **7"** What a goofy thing this is. The cover of the 7" is a full color spoof on Ozzy with a staged setup. Apparently well known for their cross dressing and antics - the fun is being had here. Musically this is heavy on the snotty nasal vocals with lots of energy. The little booklet that comes with this has them all dressed up and paying homage to Ozzy in lighthearted fun. (\$3ppd/House Of Pain/POB 120861/Tennessee TN 37215)

Knockabouts - On Suffering Remembered **7"** Alabama hardcore complete with their own rendition of "Sweet Home Alabama". It's loud and raw with a noisy abrasive guitar sound. There is so much high-end in the recording that I find it a bit irritating. (Frank Records/POB 410892/SF CA 94141-0892)

Kurbits IR - Ingel Liv **7"** Ultra fast thrashy music with blast beating drums — all about speed. It is broken up by a little touch of slow heaviness - but mostly this just blasts away with really fast thrash! (\$6/Really Fast/Box 6170/S-10233 Stockholm Sweden)

Less Than Jake - "Pezcore" 16 excellent short but sweet minutes of high energy ska punk complete with horns and all. I love it! I guess that this is a different edition with a xerox copied cover - but I quite like it - cause it's got some of Stephane's artwork on the cover and it just attracts me to it so much more than those full color plastic covered disc cases. Good music - loads of fun to listen to and twist and dance for! (Less Than Jake/PO Box 12081/Gainesville FL 32604)

Lil Big Head **CD** This is probably one of the more original and different bands that I have received and reviewed. I was initially drawn into the CD by heavy tom tribal kinda drumming and then the woman's voice is awesome! It really defies any kind of categorizing or comparisons. While it could blend into a radio play perhaps mainstream genre (at times) it more than likely will not, because it's actually really good. Her voice rocks and she does so much with it which is something that I always appreciate and especially enjoy with women's vocals. Musically diverse as well, and all interesting. Totally self done DIY release as well! (PO Box 23683/Baltimore MD 21203)

Litmus Green - Do You Fear Something? **CD** I liked this new disc so much that it instantly went into my personal pile of stuff, rather than the review pile — so I didn't review it, nor did I carry it with me as I moved from the mountains of Virginia back to NYC — so I don't have it in front of my ears to properly review and describe - but I can say that Litmus Green have become a favorite and a band that I highly recommend to everyone to hear! Politically charged punk — very catchy and lovable for me! It's self-released and limited to just 500. (\$5ppd worldwide/Litmus Green/PO Box 5311/Glendale CA 91221-5311)

Living In Fear - A Record To Benefit Children Victims of Domestic Violence (compilation CD) A good benefit with a lot of noteworthy good bands, not all of them are my favorites or cup of tea - but it's a good collection none the less! Christ On Parade, Naked Aggression, Armed & Hammered, The Diesel Queens, New Bomb Turks, Brisse, 88 Fingers Louie, The Queers, Piss Drunks, Wretched Ones, Cowboy Killers, Schlepprock, Capital Casualties, Oppressed Logic, The Freeze, Spent Idols, brisse, Hellbillies, the Brainsick and Rhythm Collision. (Ransom Note Recordings/PO Box 40164/Bellevue WA 98015)

Hegel - Scientific **CD** This is a nice refreshing bit of a surprise. Old-school roots reggae and ska combining traditional elements and influences to come up with a new old sounding release. Over an hours worth of music that will soothe your soul. I really enjoy this style of music, so this is a nice treat for me! Horns, keyboards, sweet voices and a good swinging groove. Not what you'd expect from BYO - but it's a good one! (BYO)

** Hiatus - 12" Brand new Hiatus stuff on a 12" 45 speed with a really nice cover and insert - hand stamped and silkscreened on brown cardstock. Hiatus are rockin' on with some speeded up fast tunes, with much more of a metal edge and Wills screams his guts out. I love these guys! (\$7ppd/Skuld Releases and Profane Existence/ PO Box 8522/ Minneapolis MN 55408)

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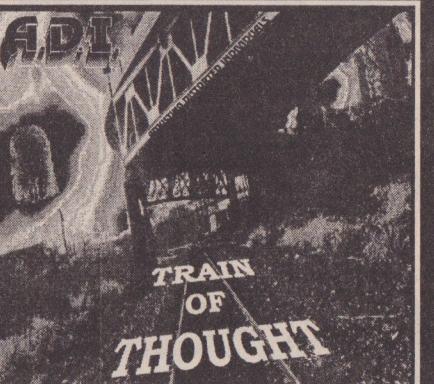
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**** Icons Of Filth - Not On Her Majesty's Service 7"** One of my favorite bands of all times!! This is an old one, an old UK anarcho-peace punk band from back in another day. And god damn it is good!! Heavy powerful punk fucking rock! This is a bootleg, I'm not sure if it originally appeared in 7" format, or if it was only released on tape - but here it is and damn it is good. If you love em, you know, if you've never heard them - here is your chance - trust me you don't want to miss out on these guys! Drum heavy, thumpity pogo punk with the thoughts and words behind them! Oh delight! (Available through: Tribal War Records/ PO Box 20712/ Tompkins Sq. Stn/ NY NY 10009 or Profane Existence/ POB 8522/ Minneapolis MN 55408)

**** Icons Of Filth - The Mortehate Projects CD** As I just said in the above review - Icons of Filth are one of my all time favorites! This CD release is one

together for a really intricate and complex thing that just rocks, and it totally fucking kicks ass! I'm so in love with this band cause they manage to wrap up all these elements together that I love - heavy drums beats, loads of bass, a metallic crunch, a galloping traveling a long fast speeded up heavy mesmerizing pace with an evileness that makes me giddy. It's got the feel of some of my favorite East Bay bands - perhaps cause they've got the help of Noah on the recording and a lot of Neurosis influence. A favorite for sure!! I mean really, I highly recommend this band so give them a listen and you won't be sorry!! I think a tour is coming this summer so look out for that too. (\$10/ Tee Pee Records/ 111 E. 14th Street/ Suite 223/ NY NY 10003)

Man Dingo - Bad Touch Becca 10" Ultra melodic. (Dr Strange Records)

Mania Miracles - New Direction 7" I like bands with female singers, especially those that have powerful voices and can really sing. The music is mid-paced, old UK punk styled with a strong drum beat, and her voice rises over all of it. Even though they sound rather English - they're from Finland. (\$6/ Ramsaykuja 1 D 26/ 02780 Espoo/ Finland/ Europe)

Men's Recovery Project - Normal Man 7" Now this is excellent!! I think it has an original sound, though the overall attitude with lyrics and music reminds me a bit of Reagan Youth. With a big fuck you to America and the man - they blast out 12 fast short and sweet ones that all hit home. I recommend it!! (Gravity Records/ PO Box 8132/ San Diego CA 9238)

Messed Up - Total Control 12" Total Jap-core, from Japan of course. I had to think about whether this should be on 33 and real slow - but 45 is the right speed and then it rips. Fast, manic and intense thrash. Not

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crazy thrash though. Just ripping speed. The record even cuts off in the middle of a song, adding to the manic-ness of it! (HG Fact/401 Hongo/M-2-36-2 Yayoi-Cho' Nakano Tokyo/ 164 Japan)

Mission To Murder / Brickwell United split 7" I like **Mission To Murder**. They've got just 2 short songs on the rockin' catchy high energy side. This is my favorite of the 2 and goes by too fast. **Brickwell United** are an anti-racist working class oriented skin band with an upbeat tempo and punchy beat. A good split from these Atlanta bands. (Reactionary Records/POB 5468/ Atlanta GA 30307)

Napalm Death - Diatribes CD When I first gave the promo tape of this a listen I was totally blown away and surprised - cause it wasn't at all what I expected from Napalm Death (fast thrash) but was really good heavy rocking metal heaviness, and I loved it! It wasn't until about the 5th song before there was any bit of thrashing speed and actually most of it is full of some awesome catchy rocking complex metalness which is really fucking rad. This song is still probably my favorite. I got a bit confused by the 2 songs cause the promo was actually only 2 songs from Diatribes and some other stuff which is now released and entitled "Greed Killing". Though "Diatribes" is the full length CD and I still love it, I think "Greed Killing" hit me with more impact. None the less, I'm totally sicked after all of these years to like Napalm Death as much as I like this! (Eraache)

No Sanctuary - K7 Radio Broadcast tape #1 I'm usually pretty wary of listening to radio show tapes, I guess cause I often find them boring — but not this one!! Anyone remember the zine out of Switzerland called No Sanctuary? Well Chris from Ruptured Ambitions has picked up doing the zine but rather than a paper format it's now a radio show, but it still contains the attitude of total D.I.Y. no compromising punk rock. It's neat to finally hear the voice of someone you've been in contact with for a long time, and quite honestly his voice sounds good on the tape. Mostly this is music by 4 Past Midnight, The Bus Station Loolies, Colius, Total Control, Disorder, Naked Aggression, Fleas and Lice, Combat Shock, The Absolute Zeros and a few more plus an interview with Rat from the Varukers. I forget how much copies of this are - so send \$5 and I think that should cover it. (Ruptured Ambitions/Old Forge Cottage/Rushford/Lamerton, Tavistock/ Devon PL19 8RY/ England)

Oppressed Logic - P.C. Full Of Shit 7" What the fuck is with all of these dumb bands talking about getting head and fucking girls up the ass?? The lyrics go something like this: "Little girls, little girls in my fucking bed, little fucking hooker, give me some head, found a little slut, shoved it up her butt, next thing you know my life is in a rut". And what the fuck is with calling pop punk "gay"? I don't like pop-punk either - but gay? I thought we'd gotten past that stage. But then again this is PC backlash right? Well it's fucked up and just pissed me off! (Beer City Records)

The Padded Cell - I Don't Need No Arms 7" Pretty good catchy rockin' stuff. Kinda reminds me of some of the more mid-paced old UK Oi! stuff. They're not from England, but it almost sounds as if they could be. It's got that rockin' guitar and a good upbeat pogo kinda energy and the vocals stand out a lot. (\$3ppd/Dead Beat Records/PO Box 283/LA CA 90078)

Pitch Shifter - Infotainment? Another old band that I used to love and lost track of, back with a new release. These guys cross all sorts of boundaries into the industrial heavy sampled somewhat techno meets metal bass heavy insanity. (Eraache)

Pisssoor - tape Raw fast grating thrash with a female singer. Very abrasive! (\$3/26501-b Chesterfield Ave/Austin TX 78752)

Plow United - LP From West Chester Rock City comes Plow, oops, I mean Plow United. Though for the most part this is pretty poppy and somewhat melodic which ordinarily isn't all that interesting - I really do like these guys. This isn't a record to grab me from the first listen, but I think it'll grow on me. They've got a 7" with a song called "West Chester Rock City" and I'm telling you it's gonna start a hyped up movement!! (Creep Records/Suite 220/252 E. Market St/West Chester PA 19381)

Plow United - new CD I'm not sure what this is titled, cause I just got the disc - but gee, it sure is good!! In fact - it's the best yet from these guys and it totally blows me away as being one of the best things I've heard!! Full energy with wacky craziness and super catchy tunes (and

things for a real long time. Finally this new record falls into my lap and I'm well impressed, mostly by what they have to say. Musically it's falls into the genre of poppy melody - not my thing. However, I totally acknowledge the fact that loads of people dig this style and the fact that Propagandhi have included loads of information along the lines of gay-positive, anti-fascist, pro-feminist, animal-friendly thoughts, complete with summaries of ideals and beliefs and contacts for further reading, action and involvement - this is sort of like a starting point for a whole (perhaps) new generation of kids to discover thoughtful punk rock the way Crass introduced things however many years ago. It's good to see this sort of information being made available along with a poppier kind of punk music, rather than the expected grinding anarcho-peace punk style that I've gotten so used to. I'd highly recommend it to anyone liking poppy melodic punk and wanting/heeding a bit of enlightenment! (Fat Wreck Chords)

**** Puncture 7"** Woowie! This one makes me toes ting! It's about the best new record I've heard yet - which is always a delightful treat! Heavy deep vocalized straight forward crunchy punk fucking rock! I love it! Good words, lyrics and information as well as a good attitude accompany this record - making it rule all around in my book!! (\$3ppd/Eugene Records/POB 2183/ Meriden CT 06450)

Rat Bastards - All That

Was Left After 7"

When I read the lyrics about "trailer park trash - white trash scums" I kinda thought it was harsh - but then the next song has lyrics "Slip slide - in her little hole, take her fucking tract, shit dip her discomfort gets me off, vice grip it tightens when she coughs, addiction my friends all say I'm mad, friction no lube when she's been bad" - What the fuck? I think rude and I'm completely NOT interested at all. The ripping fast hardcore doesn't matter, cause I think the lyrics are Fucked! (Beer City Records)

Remission - Human Compassion tape

Good stuff! Grinding mayhem thrashy punk with raw and abrasive dual vocals and a good

punchy pogo beat. I like it! This tape is real short, but they've also got a 7" "Fetus The Code" on Power Ground Records and an LP "Our Days Our Numbered" coming out on Beer City Records. Keep your ears and eyes open for Remission. They will be playing Sat. June 15th at ABC NO RIO. (Power Ground Records/1309 S. 21st St/Milwaukee WI 54220)

***** Scath - Respect Protect Reconnected LP** I have awaited this record like none before. I have heard about this band, made up of members of Sedition and Disfект (2 of my favorites) and just waited and waited to hear them and finally my first listen is a full LP. This is a record that brought me home from the post office clutching it with glee and running straight for the turntable, and it was worth the wait cause it's all that I expect it could and would be. Sometimes when I like something so much the words to actually describe it totally fail me as will probably be the case here because this just speaks to me through my blood, pours and mind all at once! First off all it's the singer from Sedition, so it's got the same style of deep throated vocals. Musically it's heavy with tons of pounding throbbering and thundering drums and metallic guitars - but these words don't in any way get across the power and magnificence of the blending of all of these things together which near perfection for me! What takes all of this so many steps further is the words and lyrics which are about reconnecting to the earth and the earth's spirit,

are just a fucking punk, we don't even care what you think" etc... it's sorta hard for me to be really interested or care, but musically it's pretty good fast hardcore. (Beer City Records)

Snapsce - Steps CD I like this heavy crunching mosh-metal hardcore. It's got really punchy beats, accentuated by the tight stops and starts. I like it, but 4 songs on a CD would be better off on a 7" I think. (Victory)

Snap Krackle Drop/Those Meddling Kids split 7" I wouldn't have known this if I hadn't read it on the accompanying paper, but **Snap Krackle Drop** do a cover of Phil Collins "I Don't Care Anymore" - making it a whole new song of rough and raunchy rockin' roll. **Those Meddling Kids** do a cover of the Cars "Just What I Needed" which does actually sound like the song with a much deeper voice. Why bother?? . (\$3ppd/Social Retardance/PO Box 25666/ Tempe AZ 85285-5666)

Snuff - Demmamussabebonk LP I've known lots of old English punks who love this band, but just why that is I'm not sure. Whatever it's been in the past, as far as I can see this is just melodic poppy punk. Occasionally it does break into a harder edge riff, but mostly just melodic and I don't like it. (Fat Wreck Chords)

Social Unrest - New Lows CD Social Unrest are an all time favorite band

will float your boat more than mine. And if you order 2 regular 7"s then you get a copy of this 3 sided 2 x 7". (\$3/Knot Music/POB 501/South Haven MI 49090-0501)

Spinewrench/Def Master split 7" I'm totally impressed that **Spinewrench** is still essentially 2 dudes and a drum machine with loads of samples. They've still got an unmistakable sound that just screams "Spinewrench" to me and I like it. On first listen I thought it was kinda boring on second listen I thought it was really good. Compared the flipside, boring could never be slapped on S.W. **Def Master** take the drum machine and effects and run wild to the other side. I really don't like it at all - it's full techno drum beat with wisps of vocals repeating as much as the drum beat. It's club music with heavier vocals. (HG Fact)

***** Spite - Last Orders ep 7"** This is one of my favorite 7"s and new bands of the season! It's classic good old heavy styled punk rock from England and with at least one Chaos UK member. It's got a heavy crunch, lots of drums, a gruff vocal style. As well as a lighter catchiness in the guitar that blends together for a perfect sound - to make a classic for sure! This is one that I like so much I can't describe it any better - except to say that it's essential and most highly recommended!!! (Blind Destruction Records/Box 29/28 Colston St/Bristol/BS1 5BB UK)

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No Sanctuary - K7 Radio Broadcast tape #1 I'm usually pretty wary of listening to radio show tapes, I guess cause I often find them boring — but not this one!! Anyone remember the zine out of Switzerland called No Sanctuary? Well Chris from Ruptured Ambitions has picked up doing the zine but rather than a paper format it's now a radio show, but it still contains the attitude of total D.I.Y. no compromising punk rock. It's neat to finally hear the voice of someone you've been in contact with for a long time, and quite honestly his voice sounds good on the tape. Mostly this is music by 4 Past Midnight, The Bus Station Loonies, Colitis, Total Control, Disorder, Naked Aggression, Fleas and Lice, Combat Shock, The Absolute Zeros and a few more plus an interview with Rat from the Varukers. I forgot how much copies of this are - so send \$5 and I think that should cover it. (Ruptured Ambitions/Old Forge Cottage/Rushford/Lamerton, Tavistock/Devon PL19 8RY/ England)

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Pitch Shifter - Infotainment? Another old band that I used to love and lost track of, back with a new release. These guys cross all sorts of boundaries into the industrial heavy sampled somewhat techno meets metal bass heavy insanity. (Eraache)

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Remission - Human Compassion tape

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Scatha - Respect Protect Reconnected LP

I have awaited this record like

none before. I have heard about this band, made up of members of Sedition and Disfekt (2 of my favorites) and just waited and waited to hear them and finally my first listen is a full LP. This is a record that brought me home from the post office clutching it with glee and running straight for the turntable, and it was worth the wait cause it's all that I expect it could and would be. Sometimes when I like something so much the words to actually describe it totally fail me as will probably be the case here because this just speaks to me through my blood, pours and mind all at once! First off all it's the singer from Sedition, so it's got the same style of deep throated vocals. Musically it's heavy with tons of pounding thrashing and thundering drums and metallic guitars - but these words don't in any way get across the power and magnificence of the blending of all of these things together which near perfection for me! What takes all of this so many steps further is the words and lyrics which are about reconnecting to the earth and the earth's spirit, about respect for animals and people with a bit of Celtic history. I don't have an affinity for poetic words - but the ones here say so much to me and all of this together - the beautiful heartfelt and meaningful words along with kick ass music and beautiful knotwork and imagery couldn't have come at a better time! This band is the top of my favorite list and can't come more highly recommended!!!! (\$10 Eur/\$12 world/Flat Earth/Bradford Music/PO Box 169/Bradford BD7 1YS UK Distributed through Active/BM London/WC1N 1LJ London UK. And Profane Existence and Tribal War in the USA)

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Speed Freaks - A Compilation 7" Double 7" compilations are cool for the funkiness of them, but they suck for reviewing and for regular listen as well. This double 3 sided 7" is a special edition, and normally it's just one 7" (a bit confusing eh?!) So the new farned Charles Bronson has several tracks on this of fast blurring hardcore - (it's not my preferred style, so I'm not sure what all the fuss is about). Following along with the name of this - all of these bands seem to be going for the fast stuff here - and I'm just not the one to really appreciate it. **Violently III (MI)** have some serious distortion on the vocals which doesn't really sound too good and **Enemy Soil's (VA)** song got lost in between the two bands. **Phone Phobia** (from Japan) blast beat and shriek/scream through 3 songs, **Soiled (NY)** rip through 12 awful blasts of noise which are ridiculous to call songs and **Section (MI)** finish off side B with the best song yet (fast thrashing hardcore). Side C has **Short Hate Temper (TX)** with one fast song, **Pothead Justice (TX)** with a couple low-fi living room recorded sounding songs and **Wound (MI)** are pretty good but I bet they'd be really good with a better sounding recording and a tighter sound - they've got that dual grinding thing happening. Actually I bet that most all of these bands could do with a real good recording and a bit more time to work on it - but hey, if you're into the noisy thing then perhaps this

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Wally/3rd Year Freshman split 7" I thought I saw Wally in West Chester, but if I did - this is a totally different band. There's a woman on the main vocals with a guy on the back-ups and musically it's sorta of non-descript mid-paced rocking stuff - just haven't got any words. 3rd Year Freshmen are awful. They've got some acoustic guitar which I do like, but whatever is happening with the vocals kinda makes me cringe. (Creep Records/Suite 220/252 E. Market St./West Chester PA 19381)

**Wardance Orange - tape Wowie!! I heard good things about this new band from Richmond and when I was there I got a tape and I'm totally hooked!! This is awesome and I totally love it! Very catchy and engaging (as in I just can't stop listening to it) upbeat multi-layer punk-con (as in lots of different things happening with the music going in different directions and never a dull moment). It's just the way I like it (reminding me a bit of Civil Disobedience) and I can't stop listening to this tape. It's full of energy, great lyrics and has a strong impact. The songs stick in your head after hearing it and I'm going back to Richmond right now so that I can see this band play!!! (And they were excellent!!) (\$3/Wardance World HQ/PO Box 2984/Richmond VA 23220)

The Warped Weebie Wobblies - The 7" of Mr. Furley Ah right! I'm totally sick to hear this record cause I just recently got to see this band at the PWAC on Long Island and I thought they were great! It's not that often that I think a band is really fun as well as funny - but that is what these guys are like. I might not have thought as much of the music on it's own, but after seeing them I totally appreciate this goofy half rap/hardcore stuff and I can picture Bob bouncing around the stage singing these songs! Reminds me a bit of Doggy Style. "We're the hardcore kids" is the sing-a-long song. These guys are really great! There's 4 Mike's and a Bob in this band, and I thought I had problems with Chris'! (Mother Box Records/60 Denton Ave./E. Rockaway NY 11518)

Wolfpack - Bloodstained Dreams CD As expected, this band's from Sweden. They've got that unmistakable Swedish hardcore sound, which is basically a crunching heavy and fast beat, but then they break that up with some much more classic metal riffs and to ice the cake there's some galloping double bass drums! I think it's delicious! (\$15ppd/Distortion Records/Box 129/401 22/Gothenburg Sweden)

The Wretched Ones - Live On A Five Vol. One 5" I can't play 5" records on my turntable, but they sure are cute. (Headache Records/PO Box 204/Midland Park NJ 07432)

The Wretched Ones - Hey Old Man 7" These guys are good. Always been a favorite of this style - and that is the oipogo kinda punk. They've got an energetic beat that is balanced by deep vocals. It's catchy and good. 3 songs. (PogoStick Records/PO Box 354/Midland Park NJ 07432)

Y.A.P.O. - Young And Pissed Off 7" The first time I listened to this I was kinda disappointed cause it wasn't quite what I was expecting after hearing the demo. Straight-up punk rock with a thumpity pogo beat that also has a clean rockin' guitar and a catchy melody sing-a-long style. Seems to be taking it roots in some older punk rock that utilizes more singing vocals and rocking music, but they still have an edge. (\$3 US\$4 C-\$5 world/Beer City Records/PO Box 26035/Milwaukee WI 53226-0035)

Youth Brigade - To Sell Truth CD Brand new one from Youth Brigade. Never was a fan of these guys, so I feel a poor judge of the new stuff. Some of it is really good and catchy and enjoyable and I like the way the vocals mesh together. But much of it just gets too woohoo sing songy styled for my tastes. I keep going back and forth - just when I think, perhaps this is the best Youth Brigade I've heard then I get bored with it

and don't like it at all. Could very likely be one to grow on me?? (BYO)

Young Pioneers - We March 7" On one hand I think this is absolutely awful. It's so slow, it sounds like it's on too slow of a speed and Adam sounds like he's in fucking pain when he sings. But the one song has this catchy weird back beat and harmonica that grew on me from seeing them twice, and so in a catchy way — now I like it. They really seem to be in their own place, and doing their own thing. I'm not sure I really understand what it is, but it's interesting and somewhat addicting when not revolting. How's that for weird? (Vermiform)

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10-96: Gas Bag 7" Sloppy thrash skate rock, probably a great live band. (Beer City, P.O. Box 26035, Milwaukee, WI 53226-0035)

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Alcoholocots/Draisab split. Noisy drunk punk with really shitty production. (903 Wolff St, Denver, CO 80204)

Anti-Heros: Murder One cd No surprises here, another great example of American Oi! Contrary to MRR's shitty review, the title track is a condemnation of three skinhead's murderer of a homeless man in Atlanta. I kind of feel bad for the Anti-Heros - they've been doing this for like 10 years and still have to constantly defend them selves against the racism label that's thrown at them every couple of years by some kid who's been into punk for about six months. Having said that, the homophobic lyrics in the third song leave a dark mark on an otherwise great record. It's too bad, really. I mean, ok, they needed a rhyme for "smut" but to use "butt" just sounds dumb. Here's a suggestion to improve the song: "Fuck the sex and fuck the smut; Fuck the guys whose cars go putt putt." It doesn't mean anything, but then again, neither does the line its supposed to replace.. (GMM Records, P.O. Box 15234, Atlanta, GA 30333)

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Cancerous Reagans: Interrupted

Doughnut Break Decent mid-80's style thrashy punk from Lancaster, PA...

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Youth Brigade - To Sell Truth CD Brand new one from Youth Brigade. Never was a fan of these guys, so I feel a poor judge of the new stuff. Some of it is really good and catchy and enjoyable and I like the way the vocals mesh together. But much of it just gets too woohoo sing songy styled for my tastes. I keep going back and forth - just when I think, perhaps this is the best Youth Brigade I've heard then I get bored with it

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The Ingenious Device/Hiroshima 22/Taste of Fear 3-way split 7" Beautifully put together; obviously a lot of time and energy went into this. Ingenious Device is experimental noise, at times reminding me of Dawson, "10-notes" era Crass, and the Trashmen (!), but there's a lot more going on here. Hiroshima 22 and Taste of Fear are both really good, fairly straightforward grindcore noise. (Embryo, 15 Bay 17th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11214)

Larry Brards 7" Pop punk with good harmonies and throaty lead vocals. The guitars sometimes sound almost a little folksy, which I think gives it kind of a Fifteen feel. (Rhetoric Records, P.O. Box 82, Madison, WI 53701)

Levelhead/Quadilacha split Levelhead is a well-played fairly generic Screeching Weasel imitation, while Quadilacha sounds like NOFX. (Standfast Recs, P.O. Box 973, Lilburn, GA 30226)

Mary Me: Firecrackers 7" Yet another otherwise good pop-punk band ruined by a lame-ass wimpy singer. Oh well. (Allied Records, P.O. Box 460683, SF, CA 94146-0683)

Melt Banana/Discordance Axis split M.B. is a great experimental thrash band that I would love to see live. Solid rhythms with totally fucked-up guitars, and screeching duckling sounding vocals. D.A. is a brutal grindcore noise assault. I like it! (H.G. Fact, 401 Hongo-M, 2-36-2 Yayo-Cho, Nakano-ku, Tokyo 164, JAPAN)

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Ninfinger: Torque-Bad Wheel 7" Mike Dean (O.C.C.)'s new band, formerly called Spore. Heavy plodding metal a la the Melvins. (Deaf American)

Nothing Yet: Scratch & Sniff 7" On the one hand, this is pretty straightforward 80's style hardcore played pretty well. Which is cool. On the other hand, Naked Aggression Records put out a record with a big picture of a stripper on the back. Which makes me wonder what the hell they were thinking? Overall, this seems maybe just a little too "Epitaph-friendly" (as my friend Missy put it), if you know what I mean. (Naked Aggression records, P.O. Box 3102, N. Hollywood, CA 91609)

Old Bull's Needle: Wrong Again 7" Really good thrashy punk. (no address)

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Operation Cliff Clavin: Top Secret 7" Decent if fairly generic pop punk. (5810 W. Willis Rd, Georgetown, IN 47122)

Parasites: Top Secret 7" Yet another Parasites record. I haven't liked their brand of wimpy pop punk ever before, and I still don't. Sorry. (Rocco Records, P.O. Box 14781, Chicago, IL 60614-0281)

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Pink Lincolns: Sumo Fumes 3 Two covers and one original song, which is the best on the record. Really good drunk rock, but still not as inspired as some of their earlier releases. (Stiff Pole Records)

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Spent Idols: No Broken Promises 7" Apparently this is a repress, but I hadn't heard of this in the first place, so that doesn't really matter. This is minimalist punk-rock, and it really doesn't do much for me. (Spent City Records, P.O. Box 383 Vista, CA 92085)

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VA: Revolutionary Cry 3 Japanese Dis-noise bands. It's yummy, mummy! (MCR)

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VA: Six Weeks Omnibus - A Japanese H.C. comp Ah yessss... this doth rule most mightily. Ten Japanese hardcore noise thrash mayhem bands rip it up on eight inches of pure extract of power. (Six Weeks cb Athena & Jeff, 2262 Knolls Hill Cr, Santa Rosa, CA 95405)

VA: SPACE CADET cd Collection of Florida bands. I think comps like this usually don't work. While all the bands are from the same geographic area, they don't share that much musically, so you get a record that lets anyone find a song or two they like, but which no one likes entirely. The Cavity song is awesome, though, as is the didgeridoo piece preceding it. (Space Cadette Records, 7339 SW 45th Street, Ste A, Miami, FL 33155).

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Mental Decay/ Walking Stick 7" Decent if fairly generic big band guitar style rockarolla from New Jersey. Hey, am I wrong in thinking this band has been around forever? Or am I confusing them with Mental Abuse? Well, I think one of those bands used to do a pretty cool cover of "If I Only Had a Brain." But it isn't on this record, so never mind. (Headache Records, P.O. Box 204 Midland Pk, NJ 07432)

Misery Index: Power of 3 7" I'd really expected to hate this, but, damn, it's good - lots of power and emotion, with driving drums, and solid guitar

Paper Tulips: Vitamin C 7" Strange mix of Touch & Go and low-fi garage sound that actually works pretty well. Comes with Rebus Puzzle lyric sheet. (Truk Records)

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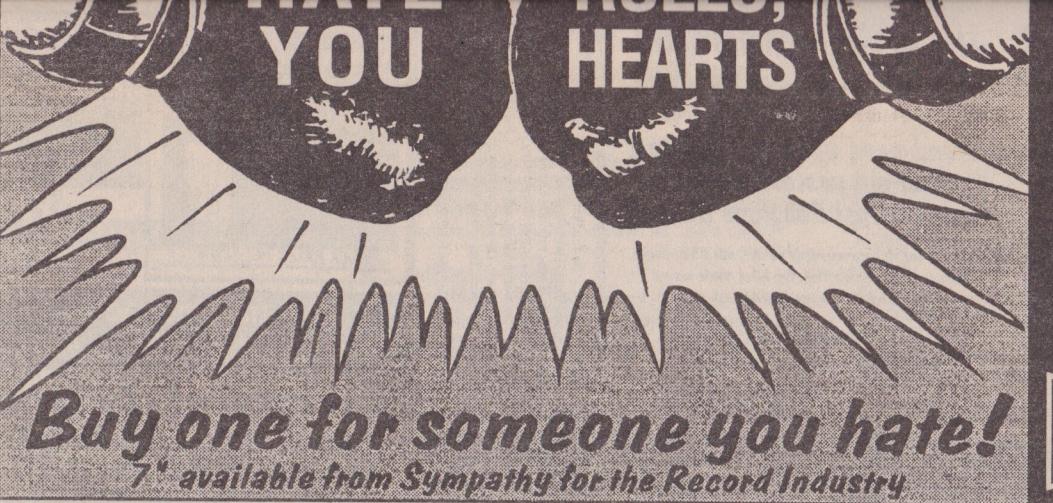
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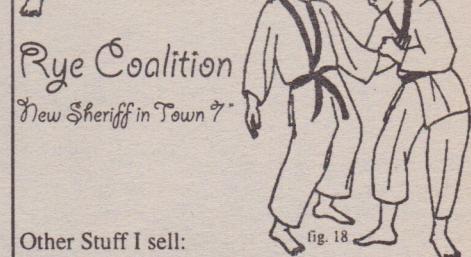
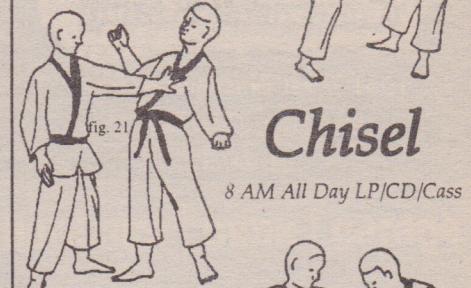
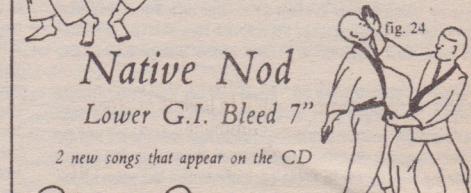
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RECYCLING TIPS & ECO-FRIENDLY ADVICE

Slug & Lettuce used to regularly feature a section of recycling tips and eco-friendly information. A point came where I felt like the concept of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle was so obvious that I had pretty much said all I could. It's been several years now and a few people have asked what happened to the section, and the need for this information seems to be great, so I've decided to reprint some of the most basic and useful information.

For me, recycling is an obvious thing to do. It's based around an entire philosophy of life for me that is, one of minimal waste and low-impact on the environment moving in the direction of self-sufficiency and sustainability. At the very foundation and root of everything is conscious thought. If you think about your actions, and consider the consequences they have on other people, the community and the environment, you can make wise decisions. Of course, I'm assuming that people are all interested in "doing the right thing", and moving in a positive step to eliminate waste and live thoughtfully. If you are interested in that sort of lifestyle, which I personally think is important for everyone, then all you need to do is put a little bit of thought into what you do and how you do it: consider your lifestyle and habits, what products you use, where and how you shop, what things you really need vs. what you do not, and weigh out your priorities.

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- don't buy single use, throw-away products (such as razors, plastic utensil, paper plates etc.) — look for ones that can be used repetitively.
- buy fruits and vegetables, grains, pastas and any loose items without packaging (especially avoid styrofoam and plastic packaging)
- don't buy plastic
- it is possible to find dairies that refill milk containers in a refillable and reusable bottle. Likewise honey and peanut butter can be purchased in refillable bulk containers. Try eco-minded health food stores.
- avoid the "aseptic drink box" made of layers of paper, plastic and aluminum - it can not be recycled. Instead use drink containers that are reusable or at least recycled. Anyone have any alternatives to buying soy-milk that is not in these sort of containers??

Choose the reusable alternative to disposable products:

- sponge or rags vs. paper towels
- reusable razors vs. disposable shavers
- coffee mug vs. paper or plastic cups
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- cloth napkins vs. paper
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first. Trees can also be chopped for fire wood after Christmas (rural living). Consider precycling and keep a living tree in a pot, then plant it after the holiday season.

- Donate second hand clothes to a non-profit organization (thriftstore/homeless shelter). Worn-out clothes can be turned into rags for kitchen/bathroom cleaning (wash and reuse).
- Tampons: use ones with out applicators. If you're afraid to touch your body, use a paper applicator over a plastic one. There are also natural sponges that can be used internally, or home-made cloth pads to keep it all totally DIY.

Water and Energy Saving Tips Around The House

- Conserve energy. Use less energy and use it wisely.
- Compact Fluorescent bulbs are an efficient lighting source within the house. Fluorescent adapter bulbs are available, conserving energy by using less wattage to create the same brightness and incandescent bulbs. They last longer as well, which will also save you money.
- Adjust settings on water heaters and air conditioners to conserve energy.

• Don't let faucet taps leak or drip water. A running faucet uses 3-5 gallons a minute. Consider this: Brushing teeth: wet and rinse your brush, this will use 1/2 gallon, saving 9 gallons wasted if you let the tap run. Shaving: fill basin, will use 1 gallon instead of 14. Washing dishes: fill basin, will use 5 gallons, saving 25. To really get an idea of how much water is wasted - fill up a 5 gallon jug with a pump and use all of your water from there to see just how far it goes. You can really make that 5 gallons of water last if you are not simply running it down the drain. Better yet, carry that 5 gallon jug from a spring and you will really learn to appreciate the value of every drop of water!

- Put lids on pots to avoid heat waste and help water boil faster
- Use small pots on small burners, large on large for efficiency
- Use cool/cold water when possible
- Keep drinking water in refrigerator to avoid running the tap to get it cold (it tastes better too)
- Water plants with leftover drinking water or from washing veggies (vitamins are good for the plants.) Save a container to collect misc. water and see how fast it adds up.
- Use rechargeable batteries.
- If you pets like to nibble on your house plants, use crushed rue leaves over the plants which will deter the animal without any chemical repellents.

- For dogs that like to chew on furniture or wood in the house, try painting cayenne pepper mixed with water over the surface. When their mouth burns, they're not going to want to chew anymore.
- Rather than using electricity - open curtains and let the sun shine into your home during the day. The sun is the brightest and least expensive source of light available.
- If you live in a house, consider planting short, dense evergreen shrubs around the foundation, to provide insulation from cold.

Around the Kitchen

- Reusable containers: for food storage, instead of aluminum or plastic wrap.
- Use unbleached coffee filters - bleached paper products create dioxin, a deadly toxic which is dumped into waterways.

Natural dyes and paints were used for centuries before the onslaught of chemical paints. Problem: up to 300 toxic substances, including solvents and fungicides have been found in commercial oil and latex paint. Harmful vapors remain for months after paint dries. Permanent markers have harmful solvents such as toluene, xylene and ethanol. Waterbased markers are preferable and safer. There is a book "Artists Beware" which gives info. on protection methods to reduce risks associated with various art supplies.

Rug and Upholstery Cleaners

Sprinkle cornstarch and baking soda on rugs and furniture. Let sit and then vacuum. You can also mix in some good smelling herbs. Problem: rentable cleaners often have dry cleaning agents.

Flea and Tick Treatment

Use Brewers Yeast (and garlic) with pet food, starting with less than a tea-spoon and increasing daily. Safe pet dips made from citrus extracts are available. Pyrethrin powder made from chrysanthemums sprinkled on carpets and then vacuumed will prevent further infestation. House sprays (made from Citrus Oil) and collars made from organic materials are available through health food stores. You can make your own with orange or grapefruit skins. Put them through a blender and simmer in water - when dried, brush through fur. Bio-degradable non-toxic insecticidal soaps are available through garden supply companies. Problem: Commercial pesticides have dangerous carcinogens which can be bad for the pet as well as people.

Specific Problems

- Coffee cup stains: moist salt
- Coffee pot stains: vinegar
- Grease removal: Borax and damp cloth
- Pet Odor remover: vinegar
- Roach Repellent: chopped bay leaves, cucumber skins or boric acid.
- Residual odor in containers: baking soda and water
- Surfaces: vinegar, salt and water
- Basic cleaning: vinegar and water
- Cleaning burned pans: 1) remove cooked food and boil water. 2) sprinkle w/ baking soda and soak for a few hours. 3) remove stains from non-stick surfaces by boiling 2 tablespoons of baking soda to a cup of water. Wipe with cooking oil before using again.
- "Spritz" starch can be made from 2 tablespoons of cornstarch and 1 part cold water. Shake well and spray.
- For a more abrasive cleaner use 1/2 lemon dipped in borax
- For soapy buildup on chrome bathroom fixtures, use undiluted vinegar. Let sit for 5 min., then rinse.
- Substitute baking soda for scouring powder to clean kitchen appliances, counters and sinks. It cleans and deodorizes at the same time.
- Handwashing dishes: Add 1/2 cup of vinegar to keep grease from clinging to pans and dishes.
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Recycling is just the beginning of a much bigger picture of an entire lifestyle. But it is also an important and very simple first step. The information here is pretty basic, but it's stuff that I feel is relevant and applicable to just about any and everyone.

A few notes on recycling:

One simple thing you can do is not take a bag when you make a small purchase (esp. a soda or something that you will consume immediately). If you plan on shopping take a bag with you. Preferable a cloth bag, but if you already have plastic bags saved then reuse them. If you stop and think if you really need it (a bag, or whatever object with extra packaging) you can really make a difference. There is an unbelievable amount of waste on completely unnecessary things. Locate either a recycling center in your neighborhood or check into curbside recycling. Newspapers, glass and cans can be recycling

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Miscellaneous Tips

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- Rather than use refreezable "ice" containers, freeze a plastic bottle w/ water and use the same way.
- Purchase products compatible with your neighborhood recycling program. Plan ahead and consider what you will be buying and where things will ultimately end up.
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- Use rechargeable batteries.
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Specific Problems

- Coffee cup stains: moist salt
- Coffee pot stains: vinegar
- Grease removal: Borax and damp cloth
- Pet Odor remover: vinegar
- Roach Repellent: chopped bay leaves, cucumber skins or boric acid.
- Residual odor in containers: baking soda and water
- Surfaces: vinegar, salt and water
- Basic cleaning: vinegar and water
- Cleaning burned pans: 1) remove cooked food and boil water. 2) sprinkle w/ baking soda and soak for a few hours. 3) remove stains from non-stick surfaces by boiling 2 tablespoons of baking soda to a cup of water. Wipe with cooking oil before using again.
- "Spritz" starch can be made from 2 tablespoons of cornstarch and 1 part cold water. Shake well and spray.
- For a more abrasive cleaner use 1/2 lemon dipped in borax
- For soapy buildup on chrome bathroom fixtures, use undiluted vinegar. Let sit for 5 min., then rinse.
- Substitute baking soda for scouring powder to clean kitchen appliances, counters and sinks. It cleans and deodorizes at the same time.
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Because we have such a dependency on non-renewable resources and are essentially raping the earth constantly - it is extremely important to come up with new and better ways of living a less damaging and harsh-impacting lifestyle. And if that means carrying your own mug for coffee and beverages, not taking paper bags when you shop, and not leaving the faucet run off water that you are not using - then you are making a big contribution towards eliminating waste. These things can continually be taken one step further and moved into a more pure and idealistic place. Consider what you do and always think what could be better and less wasteful or harmful. That idealistic place would be complete self-sufficiency and sustainability. In other words providing all of your resources and needs, on your own — growing and making everything - the truly Do-It-Yourself way!!

Recycling is just the beginning of a much bigger picture of an entire lifestyle. But it is also an important and very simple first step. The information here is pretty basic, but it's stuff that I feel is relevant and applicable to just about any and everyone.

A few notes on recycling:

One simple thing you can do is not take a bag when you make a small purchase (esp. a soda or something that you will consume immediately). If you plan on shopping take a bag with you. Preferable a cloth bag, but if you already have plastic bags saved then reuse them. If you stop and think if you really need it (a bag, or whatever object with extra packaging) you can really make a difference. There is an unbelievable amount of waste on completely unnecessary things. Locate either a recycling center in your neighborhood or check into curbside recycling. Newspapers, glass and cans can be recycling easily - just clean them. But it doesn't stop there. Find out what items your neighborhood recycles - there are probably more than you realize. You can help preserve resources, prevent excess garbage that will be dumped into landfills or left floating in the streets. And consider Precycling. When you are shopping, look at over packaging. By purchasing items in bulk or getting fruits and veggies loose rather than prepackaged in plastic you instantly reduce what you will throw away. There is a lot that can be done, with out a lot of effort if you just stop and think about what you are doing and the impact that your actions will have. Every little bit helps, so think it through.

PRECYCLING: Considering the products and packaging you're using, eliminate any extra waste before hand and also use recyclable products. Here are some simple things to do:

- not take bags when making a small purchase
- use reusable cloth or string bag when shopping, not plastic or paper
- use sponges instead of paper towels, and cloth napkins instead of paper
- look for containers that can be reused or at least recycled (glass and aluminum). Reusable containers

lists write to Direct Marketing Service/ 11 West 42nd Street/ POB 3861/ NY NY 10163.

- Phone books can be recycled with newsprint (curbside collection in NYC).
- Cardboard boxes: flatten and tie them up. Some recycling center accept them, if not try grocery chains who have balers and reclaim all cardboard.
- Brown paper bags can be recycled with corrugated cardboard.
- Take advantage of libraries

Miscellaneous Tips

- Avoid aerosol - there is no practical reuse or recycling potential. Instead look for pump sprays and burn candles or incense instead of using aerosol airfreshner.
- If you have to bring home a shopping bag, use them as garbage bags, or donate to a business that will reuse them (like the Salvation army or any thrift store). Don't just throw them away. Get into the practice/habit of carrying your own bag (preferable a cloth or mesh one) with you when you plan to shop. Some supermarkets now offer a 3¢ refund when you bring your own bags. It's yet another incentive to bring your own.

- Rather than use refreezable "ice" containers, freeze a plastic bottle w/ water and use the same way.
- Purchase products compatible with your neighborhood recycling program. Plan ahead and consider what you will be buying and where things will ultimately end up.
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- Write manufacturers about packaging or ingredients that are environmental hazards or use animal testing. Voice your opinions, if they get enough response things just might change!

- Stop eating meat! Not only is the meat industry cruel to animals, but it is a vast waste of resources. If you are not already a vegetarian - think about it - you really need to eat that cow or pig? Vegetarian diets put you more in tune to your bodies nutritional needs. This is a big issue and subject to which there is much reading available, and well-worth the time!!

- Styrofoam will never degrade. Find a substitute!! Don't use styrofoam peanut packaging - but if some comes your way - reuse it!

- Christmas trees - first of all, don't kill a tree to put in your house for 2-3 weeks. Celebrate with a living tree, or improvise. If you must have a cut one-living tree, some communities collect trees and run them through a chipper creating mulch. Clean your tree of all non-organic items

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Glass Cleaner

Use alcohol to remove residue commercial glass cleaner. Then a mixture of 50% white vinegar and 50% water. Problem: glass cleaner emits ammonia mist, which you breathe. Ammonia is a poison that usually has no warning label.

Disinfectants

Use 1/2 cup of Borax in 1 gallon hot water. This meets germicidal state requirements. Problem: most disinfectants are filled with toxic chemicals including phenol, formaldehyde and ammonia, some of the fumes can even escape through tightly closed containers.

Drain Cleaners

Always use a drain basket to maintain clean drains. Use 1 cup of baking soda, 1 cup of salt and 1/4 cream of tartar. Pour 1/4 of this mixture down drain and follow with boiling water. Clear clogs with 1/4 cup baking soda followed by 1/2 cup vinegar. Cover till fizzing stops, then flush with boiling water. Use this treatment regularly to prevent clogs.

Paints/Paint Thinners

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- How is it packaged?
- Can the packaging be reused or recycled?
- Do I really need it?

Information take from:

- Clean Water Fund/ 808 Belmar Plaza/ Belmar NY 07719
- E - The Environmental Magazine/ PO box 6667/ Syracuse NY 13217-7934
- Earth Help/ Edward Fglave/ 337 White Hall/ Corpus Christi TX 78412
- Garbage Magazine (no longer in print, but still an excellent resource)
- Green Letter/ PO Box 14141/ SF CA 94114
- Greenpeace Action/ 1436 U Street NW/ Suite 201 A/W. DC 20009
- "Helloie... Hints for a Healthy Planet"
- NY State Dept. of Solid Waste/ Division of Solid Waste/ Bureau of Waste Reduction and Recycling/ 50 Wolf Rd./ Albany NY 12233-4015
- NY State Assoc. For Recycling/ 1152 Country Rd. #8/ Farmington NY 14425
- "Recyclers Handbook" - Earthworks Press
- "Recycling World" Environmental Defense Fund/ 257 Park Ave. S./ NY NY 10010.

BOOK REVIEWS

IMMEDIATISM by Hakim Bey

Something that "mediates" comes between. In the context of this book, it is something that comes between you and an experience. For example, when you watch a video of a Misfits show from '82, you aren't at the show. Your experience of it is mediated by the tv and vcr. That's obvious. What's less obvious is that, even had you been at the show, your experience of it would still have been mediated, by such things as the bouncers, the club, the stage, etc. These mediations put limits on possible ways in which the event can happen, and shape the way you will experience it. So, because the show is in a club, with a stage and bouncers, you are not going to be tickling Glen Danzig while he sings; nor will Glen Danzig be tickling you while you dance. What Hakim Bey argues in this book is that, while all experiences are mediated in some way (i.e., even looking at a sunset, or listening to falling rain are mediated by your senses, so you will not see infra-red hues, or hear sounds your dog might really enjoy), the less an experience is mediated, the more spiritually and emotionally fulfilling it is going to be. So, while seeing the Misfits in a totally D.I.Y. bouncerless club would be really cool, you'd get much more out of playing in your own band. Bey argues that the act of engaging in relatively un-mediated experiences is revolutionary, because it contributes nothing to the entertainment or culture industry, and, more importantly, undermines the capitalist ideology by rejecting the ideas that a) culture (music, art, etc) is best left to professionals who do it much better than you ever could and b) you need to spend money to have a good time. And while Bey isn't writing about punk (actually, he keeps using a "quilting bee," where a bunch of friends get together to make quilts... a cool idea by the way), the connection to D.I.Y. punk should be obvious, as should the reasons why this book is definitely worth reading. And if you've never read *Temporary Autonomous Zone*, Hakim Bey's best known book, you should really pick that up too. (AK Press, P.O. Box 40682,

San Francisco, CA 94140-0682).

SOCIAL ANARCHISM OR LIFESTYLE ANARCHISM

by Murray Bookchin
Murray Bookchin is a bit of a grump. Unfortunately, he's a grump who makes some very good arguments, if you don't mind wading hip-deep in the muddy waters of academic ism-speak to fish them out. This book can be read as a reaction to Hakim Bey's work, and can be summed up in the question: What good is your temporary autonomous zone when children are being massacred in Bosnia? It's all well and good for you and your friends to turn your back on "the system" to try and create your little utopian playground, but what about the people who don't have the comfort to make such a "radical" choice? And don't you have a responsibility to them, to work for their liberation as well as your own? I think Bookchin overstates his case in implying that you can't have elements of both social and lifestyle anarchism, and that both are not worthwhile, but that's to be expected. As I said, he's a grump. Its unfortunate that his obtuse writing style will probably alienate potential readers, but that sort of fits in with his larger (and hopefully erroneous) belief that anarchism isn't supposed to be fun, its supposed to be hard work. (AK Press)

TELEVISIONARIES

by Tom Vague
This is a little weird, but thoroughly engrossing. Its basically a diary of the R.A.F., the notorious German terrorist group. Each entry is seldom more than a paragraph or two, so you don't get a lot of depth, but after the first few pages, I was hooked. I'm having a hard time putting my finger on why exactly this worked so well for me, but it did. Oh, and you might want to pick up *Love and Terror*, which is a novel based at least in part on the R.A.F. It's really good, dealing with some of the dangers of ideological extremism, with lots of sex and violence (tee hee). I found it in a used book store in Portland, and I don't have it in front of me to give you the author and publisher, but if you get in touch with me, I'll let you know. (AK Press)

HOW TO ROCKNROLL: The Biker Pride Manual by Sam Killian Tracy
This is awesome. The editor of Biker Pride, one of my favorite zines, took it on himself to write a bike repair manual. It's well written, clear and easy to understand, and, although I haven't needed to consult it for repair work (yet!), the procedures and tips described look really good. This should be on your shelf, right next to your copy of *Soy Not Oil*. (\$3 plus 3 stamps to P.O. Box 2275, Minneapolis, MN 55402).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS... the politics of Class War

Class War is a British working class revolutionary party. This book is a statement of ideas that the party has come to agree to. Included is history and analysis of the current state of the State, and plans and projections for the coming revolution. It's well written, manages to avoid most of the -isms and -ology terms that make many political books so difficult to actually read, and is really nicely laid-out and put together. Very highly recommended. (AK Press)

—Reviews by Tad

CLASS WAR: The Attack on Working People and

PROSPECT FOR DEMOCRACY on CD by Noam Chomsky

Absolutely highly recommended! If your brain is of the type that can process social and political commentary and ideas, this is for you... and even if not, he lays out an all out frank logical sledgehammer of thoughts and info on corporations, media, and modern events and economics that is very direct and easy to grasp. I'm always amazed at this guy because he understand the extreme complexities of the systems workings, yet is against it. And in a world where the people who learn the rules of the game usually quickly use their knowledge to the advantage and play to win at everyone's expense, here's a person who could play along but doesn't, and in fact would rather destroy the whole game and the rules. Heartening and encouraging for anyone who treasures real democratic ideal and despises corporate control and fascism — lots of bleak news of course, but he's realistic and very down to earth. The titles speak for themselves, and both give an historical and current perspective. 55 and 72 minutes of mind bomb. Literally awesome. At \$13-\$15, you may get more info by buying some of his books, but its definitely powerful and interesting to hear him speak. (AK Press/ POB 40682/ SF CA 94140-0682 or 22 Lutton Place/ Edinburgh Scotland EH8 9PE UK)

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SOME THOUGHTS

November with Avail — that just could be the ultimate in favorite bands tour that gets me out and following them!

I'm having a weird thing happening when I sit and write these "columns" — I've become very aware of what I'm writing and of the fact that I'm writing it for hundreds, if not thousands of people to read it. I feel that I've lost the ability to just let the words pour out and now I'm very conscience of what I'm writing, and how I'm writing it, of who will read it and what will or will not think. Of who's toes I'm stepping on and rubbing and basically of what worth any of my bullshit is to anyone's eyes. It's a weird feeling, and I don't like it. When I printed up the last issue, 120 pages with 8,000 copies, the biggest ever. When I picked them up from the printer the whole van was full of newsprint and I got freaked out. The words I've got here in my head didn't seem worth all of the paper and what and how I was writing it all suddenly seems very contrived and aware. I've always done this zine and my writing with a stream-of-consciousness flow, now suddenly it feels all bottled up. Suddenly I feel the weight of expectation upon me and I'm not sure what to do!

After planning on being in NYC for just a couple weeks, I've ended up being here for a couple months. I started helping out with Tribal War while Neil was on tour and then sorta committed myself to stay to finished this issue of S&L and keep Tribal War in order while Neil went to Europe with Aus Rotten. Like I said, I was initially really gungho on being out and about in the city and soaking up all of the energy that I had missed while away. But as predicted I reached a stage of burn-out and once again sort of holed-up in the house not wanting to leave. Fortunately there's enough people in and out of this house as well as some good friends around who kept me from really sinking into a deep depression. I set myself up for a deadline of finishing this issue by June 1st, getting it mailed out and then going back to Pittsburgh with Aus Rotten after they returned from their tour in Europe. For the past week, I got really stressed out and panicked realizing that I had lost track of time (mainly from having run away to Richmond two weeks in a row) and suddenly that deadline was upon my head. I started to get sick over it, and then realized that it was my own self imposed deadline. Even though I really wanted to follow through and get out to Pittsburgh, I also realized that I didn't have to stress myself out and especially since we still don't have a house to move into — there is really no hurry. When the time is right I'm sure I'll have another opportunity to get out of here. Suddenly it's June and summer is really here and I'm excited that the whole summer is still in front of me and I wonder just where it will take me. (Though I can certainly do without the dreadful heat that comes with it!!)

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